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MAY CONSIDER GRANTING INTERIM BAIL TO KEJRIWAL DUE TO POLLS: SC

The Supreme Court on Friday indicated that it may grant interim bail to AAP leader and Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal in view of Lok Sabha polls

APEX COURT TO HEAR ARGUMENTS ON MAY 7

A bench of justices Sanjiv Khanna and Dipankar Datta told Additional Solicitor General S V Raju, appearing for ED, that the hearing on Kejriwal's plea against arrest is likely to take time and therefore, the court was considering hearing arguments on interim bail on May 7. Kejriwal was arrested on March 21 in the excise policy-linked money laundering case

SEC 70 OF PMLA COVERS POLITICAL PARTIES

- "We are just saying we will hear on interim bail and not saying we will grant bail. We may or may not grant interim bail," the bench clarified
- The court rejected the argument of Kejriwal's counsel A M Singhvi that Section 70 of PMLA (which deals with companies) would not cover political parties and hence the AAP convenor should not have been arrested

Sec 19

OF PMLA EMPOWERS ED TO ARREST PERSONS BASED ON THE MATERIAL IN ITS POSSESSION

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Congress leader Rahul Gandhi files his nomination papers for the Lok Sabha election in Rae Bareli on Friday, as mother Sonia and sister Priyanka look on | PTI

Amethi ticket to little-known Congman

NAMITA BAJPAI @Lucknow

ENDING weeks of speculation, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi filed his nomination papers for the generl elections from his family's bastion Rae Bareli in the presence of his mother and former Rae Bareli MP Sonia Gandhi, sister Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and party chief Mallikarjun Kharge on Friday.

This newspaper was the first to report on the buzz about Rahul entering the fray from Rae Bareli (April 30 edition).

With Rahul opting for Rae Bareli, the party gave the Amethi ticket to family faithful Kishori Lal Sharma, 63. Little is known about him except that he is a low profile operative and an errand boy of the Gandhi family in Rae Bareli. He, too, filed his papers.

Priyanka recalled her family's long association with Sharma, adding, "he has been handling Amethi for a long time. When I had managed election for the first time in 1999, we had done it together. He knows every village and street of Amethi." Rahul said, "I am happy that Kishori Lalji, who has been serving in the area for the last 40 years, will represent Amethi this time."

Apparently, Rahul opted out of Amethi because he did not want the polls to be framed as a rematch between him and the BJP's feisty Smriti Irani, who had defeated him in 2019. But by fielding the foot-soldier, the party appears to have thrown in the towel. When the SP allotted Amethi and Rae Bareli to the Congress, the understanding was the Gandhi siblings would enter the fray from there.

Sonia had represented Rae Bareli in the Lok Sabha since 2004 before she vacated it.

BOTH SEATS ARE FAMILY: RAHUL

"My mother has handed over the *karmabhoomi* of our family with great trust giving me an opportunity to serve it. Amethi and Rae Bareli are not different for me. Both are my family," Rahul said. The seat was earlier held by his grandmother and former prime minister Indira Gandhi thrice (1967, 1971, 1980) and grandfather Feroze Gandhi in 1952 and 1957

SON'S ELOPEMENT

Woman tied to pole, beaten up in Haveri village

AMIT S UPADHYE @Hubballi

A 50-year-old woman was tied to a pole, beaten up and dragged on the streets of Aremallapur village in Haveri district by a group of men and women on April 30.

Ranebennur police have booked three people in this connection. Hanumavva Medleri, the victim, is being treated at the district hospital in Haveri. She was assaulted after her son eloped with a girl from the family of the accused on April 29. A villager said the girl and the boy were in love. The girl belongs to the Maratha community and the boy to the Kuruba community. The girl's family was planning to get her married this year. Hence, the boy eloped with the girl. Both families live on the same street in the village. The boy and the girl have not returned to their village.

A senior police officer from Haveri said cases under Sections 350 and 324 have been filed against three people in connection with the attack. The accused fled the village after videos of the incident went viral on social media. Chadrappa Telagi, Basappa and Guttevva have been named as accused in the case. The police will hold a peace meeting in the village soon. "Members of both communities and leaders of the village will be called for the meeting," the officer said.

Some villagers said that the two families used to frequently fight over the matter.

Closure report on Vemula puts T'gana in a spot

Court nod to be sought to reopen case after closure report said he was not a Dalit: DGP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Hyderabad

HOURS after a police closure report in the Rohith Vemula suicide case filed in the Telangana High Court on Friday claimed he was not a Dalit, the Telangana police tried to control the damage by announcing it wanted to reopen the probe.

DGP Ravi Gupta said the police will file a petition in the court concerned seeking permission for further investigation.

Earlier in the day, the Gachibowli police filed a closure report before the high court citing lack of evidence in the 2016 suicide of the University of Hyderabad PhD scholar. It went on to state that he did not belong to a Scheduled Caste community. The High Court then disposed of petitions related to the case.

More than eight years after Rohith's suicide, which sparked widespread protests across the nation, the police, in their closure report stated that the reasons for suicide are personal and no one abetted it.

"The deceased himself was aware that he does not belong to Scheduled Caste (SC)... This could be one of the constant fears as the exposure of the same would put him to loss of his academic degrees that he earned over the years and be compelled to face prosecution," the report said.

Several individuals were accused in the case, including the then Union HRD Minister Smriti Irani and the then vice-chancellor P Appa Rao.

The closure report was first filed in March before the jurisdictional court, four months after the Congress came to power in the state in December 2023. After Rohith died by suicide, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi too had visited the university hostel, when the students protests were at the peak. In 2023, in a resolution passed at its 85th plenary session, the Congress said it would bring in a legislation called the 'Rohith Vemula Act' to redress discrimination faced by SC, ST, OBC and minority students in educational institutions.

Vemula's mother questions probe

"As some doubts have been expressed by the mother and others of the deceased Rohit Vemula... a petition will be filed in the court concerned...to permit further investigation into the case," the DGP said

Fresh FIR against Revanna for 'kidnap'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Mysuru

IN a new development in the Hassan sex scandal case, a fresh FIR was filed against JDS leader and Holenarsipur MLA HD Revanna on Friday based on a complaint filed on Thursday night at KR Nagar police station in Mysuru district by Raju of Hebbalu village in KR Nagar taluk.

In his complaint, Raju alleged that his mother, who had worked as a domestic help at Revanna's house and farm house for six years, returned to their village three years ago and started working there as a daily wager.

On April 26, Sathish Babanna of Hebbalu village visited Raju's house and claimed that Revanna's wife Bhavani Revanna had invited his mother to her house. Subsequently, his mother was taken to Revanna's house on the election day and sent back.

On April 29, Babanna reportedly informed Raju that Revanna had instructed him to bring his mother. She was then forcibly taken to Revanna's house on a motorcycle.

On May 1, some villagers informed Raju about a video of the alleged sexual abuse of his mother by Prajwal. Disturbed by this, Raju immediately contacted Babanna and asked him to bring his mother back.

However, Babanna told Raju that his mother was involved in an old case and she could not be sent back till she secured bail.

With no proper reply from Babanna, Raju filed the complaint against Revanna and Babanna accusing them of kidnapping his mother. In the FIR, the police have named Revanna as accused No 1 and Babanna as accused No 2 under Sections 364(a), 365, and 34.

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SIT issues 2nd lookout notice

Bengaluru: The SIT issued a second lookout notice against MLA HD Revanna, accused No 1 in the sexual harassment case registered at Holenarsipur police station and a kidnap case at KR Nagar station. It has been issued to prevent Revanna from leaving the country. A lookout notice has been issued against his son Prajwal.

Lightning kills woman, 48 goats near Bengaluru

MOHAMMED YACOOB& RAKSHITH GOWDA @Bengaluru

A woman died on the spot when lightning struck her at Ganagalu village near Hoskote on the outskirts of Bengaluru on Friday. Bengaluru and its surrounding areas received moderate rain accompanied by thunder and gusty winds in the afternoon. The deceased has been identified as Rathnamma, 55, of Ganagalu. She was grazing her goats when lightning struck her around 2pm. In all, 48 goats died in the incident. Tirumalashetty Halli police have registered a case of unnatural death.

Rathnamma is survived by her husband and two sons. Bengaluru Rural district administration has announced an ex-gratia of Rs 6 lakh to Rathnamma's family. Of the amount, Rs 4 lakh will be given on Saturday, according to a police officer. According to Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre (KSNDMC), Nayandahalli recorded 29.50mm rain, RR Nagar 29mm, Maruthi Mandir 26.50mm, Bilekahalli 24mm and Horamavu 17.50 mm. Meanwhile, officials of the India Meteorological Department have forecast light to moderate rain in the city for the next two days. MORE REPORTS: P2

Scindia's fight to reclaim lost Guna glory

ANURAAG SINGH @Bhopal

WHEN Jyotiraditya Scindia lost the royal family bastion Guna in Madhya Pradesh to his protégé-turned-rival KP Yadav in 2019, it was largely attributed to his arrogance. Then, Scindia was an influential Congress leader and Yadav had just switched sides to join the BJP to emerge as a giant killer. Cut to 2024, Scindia is fighting to reclaim his lost glory on a BJP ticket, while the Congress has taken a leaf out of the BJP's book by fielding Rao Yadvendra Singh Yadav, a former leader of the saffron party.

Guna has been synonymous with Gwalior's erstwhile royal Scindia family and Scindia has won four times – in 2002, 2004, 2009 and 2014 – on Congress ticket.

According to party insiders, when Scindia's candidature was announced on March 2, there was considerable unease among party workers as well as the dominant Yadav voters over the denial of ticket to sitting MP K P Yadav.

"The Yadavs are clearly siding with Rao Yadvendra Singh Yadav. To complicate matters, Yadav is the son of former BJP MLA Rao Deshraj Singh Yadav, a sworn adversary of the Scindia family. This makes Yadav acceptable even to non-Yadav BJP voters," said a senior BJP worker.

While Yadav voters are still opposed to Scindia, the other castes, including Lodhis, Kirars, Raghuvanshis, Vaishyas, Brahmins, Kshatriyas, and tribals are said to be backing the Union minister.

Scindia has his work cut out. The scarcity of drinking water in many parts of the constituency, particularly in tribal-dominated areas, also remains a concern for the Scindia camp. Recently, a video went viral which showed Scindia's wife being confronted by women raising their water woes.

Since his humiliating defeat in 2019, Scindia has been frequently crisscrossing the 18.83 lakh voters-strong constituency. He visited Guna many times after joining the BJP in March 2020 and also after becoming Union minister in the Narendra Modi government.

According to political watchers, the unique combination of Modi's image and royal family's goodwill work in favour of Scindia.

Scindia has also got former BJP chief ministers Uma Bharti and Shivraj Singh Chouhan to campaign for him to ensure the support of Lodhi-Kirar castes to counter the opposition of Yadavs.

SHOWTIME FOR GLADIATORS

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WEATHER — MIN 23°C | MAX 38°C — FORECAST: Overcast

Sunrise 05.57 am | Sunset 06.35 pm | Moonrise 02.50 am | Moonset 03.02 pm

● South-interior Karnataka witnesses showers ● Temperature in B'luru down by 11.3°C

BENGALURU REJOICES AS RAIN COOLS THE CITY

PIC: VINOD KUMAR T

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

THE first day of pre-monsoon thundershowers brought the much needed relief to Bengalureans who were reeling under the longest dry spell for the last 160 days. Thunder showers, coupled with strong winds witnessed a dip in the temperature, bringing joy to the citizen who have been waiting for Bengaluru weather to cool down.

According to IMD, before the rain started, at 2.10 pm, the maximum temperature was at 35.5°C, which dropped by 11.3°C soon after the showers.

Children, youth and seniors alike, were enjoying the rain. Many people in Indiranagar, Whitefield, Koramanagala and Sarjapura came out of their offices during lunch hours to take a walk in the rain. People were seen dancing and enjoying the rain in Cubbon Park.

However, the rain resulted in traffic jams, due to water logging near Nagawara and Horamavu underpass. The traffic police had taken to social media to issue alerts of slow moving traffic. Netizens took to social media to share images of the rain fed areas. Reels and images of people welcoming the rain started trending.

"Usually during the day time, the maximum temperature in the city hover around 36-39 degree Celsius. However on Friday, it dipped to 23°C. After rain, temperature was 24.2°C. This rain is due to local convection and a trough. Earlier there was an anti-cyclone at 3.5 kms above mean sea level, which was not favourable for cloud formation. Now it has moved northwards. Due to this, there is clumino-nimbus cloud formation and thundershowers," IMD director N Puviarasan told TNIE.

On Thursday evening, isolated parts of the city had experienced light to moderate rainfall. However on Friday, Bengaluru, Mandya, Mysuru, Chamarajanagar, Kolar, and other areas of south interior Karnataka experienced thunder showers. Parts of Mysuru and Kodagu also reported hailstones.

As per IMD, most parts of the city recorded rain from 2.10-3.20 pm. In some areas, rain continued till 4pm. According to IMD, City recorded 17.2mm rainfall till 5.30 pm. HAL airport recorded 0.3 mm, KIA recorded 0.1mm rain. As per KSNDMC data, maximum rain was recorded in Bidarahalli-45mm, till 5.30 pm. Just a few days ago, Bidarahalli and Kengeri had recorded a maximum temperature of around 41°C. The KSNDMC officials said, most parts of the city recorded 10-17mm rainfall.

As per IMD, the maximum wind speed was 42 kmph at 2.50 pm, blowing in the northerly direction. City's maximum temperature at 6 pm was at 25°C, with 89 per cent humidity.

Puviarasan said Bengaluru and other parts of south interior Karnataka will continue to receive rain for the next two days, after which there will be a temperature rise. Thundershowers have been forecast on May 6 and 7 for south interior Karnataka. However heatwave conditions will prevail over north interior Karnataka.

"There were no reports of hailstones in the city as the clumino-nimbus clouds were at a lower height. Thunder showers have been forecast for two days," he said.

AREAS THAT REPORTED MAXIMUM RAINFALL (IN MM)

Kadabgere	29
Kodighalli	29.5
Maruthi Mandir	26
Begur	27.6
Bommanahalli	24.5
RR Nagar	29
Nayanadanahalli	29.5
Vidyapeetha	20
Cholanayakanahalli	25.5
Bidarahalli	45
Doddagubbi	29
Mandur	27
Seegehalli	21
Banaswadi	31

AS PER KSNDMC

Rain no relief yet, borewells, water ATMs still dry

RAKSHITH GOWDA @Bengaluru

THE water scarcity in Bengaluru continues to take a toll on the daily lives of people, as many parts of the city are running dry. Residents of Ilyas Nagar and nearby areas in Bengaluru South, face another challenge as Rs 5 RO water ATMs run by the BBMP fail to yield water everyday. There are at least three water ATMs In a radius of about 2 km, and they fail to yield water all throughout the day.

Mohammed Saleem, a mechanic by profession and a resident of Ilyas Nagar said that his family of five require a can of water for daily drinking and cooking purposes. "For the past one week, three of the four water machines have faced a shortage of water. Residents are welcomed with a board indicating 'no stock of water' and that water will be available by 1.30 pm. However, those who come to fetch water end up seeing the board and do not get any water."

An operator mentioned that due to summer heat, the water table has gone down and the borewells are not pumping enough water to the tank. Kiran K, who works in a private firm, said that they are paying Rs 5 for 25 litres of water but receiving only 70% of the water. "Additionally, some 24-hour water filling centres close before 9 pm. Some people come with five to six water cans, which causes a problem for others. Operators must mandate one or two cans per person, as people have to stand in the line for a long time," he added.

The BBMP Chief Engineer (South zone), said that some borewells in the city are drying up due to the extreme heat this summer, resulting in no water in the ATMs. The BWSSB is trying to temporarily fill up the borewells, so that the public can get water. The dry borewells will start working again if it rains, he added

Speaking to TNIE Joint commissioner HR Shivakumar, said they are going to look into the issue and resolve the problem.

K'TAKA STAMPS & REGISTRATION DEPT

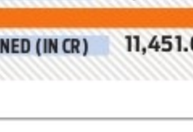
Highest revenue of ₹20,287 cr collected

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

THE revision in guidance value for properties from Oct 1 last year coupled by the increase in duty for non-registrable documents has enabled the Karnataka Stamps and Registration department touch an all-time high in revenue collection for the financial year 2023-2024. A whopping Rs 20,287.3 crore was the total revenue collected by its 256 sub registrar offices across the State, the highest in its 150-plus years of existence.

Data shared by the department reveals that the previous highest in terms of revenue was during 2022-2023 when Rs 17,873.97 crore was collected.

An official told TNIE, "As has been the norm, Bengaluru contributes 60% of this revenue with Rs 13,016.88 crore collected by the five districts demarcated by the Registration department for the City - Shivaji Nagar, Gandhi Nagar, Jayanagar, Basavanagudi and Rajajinagar districts. Indira Nagar and Basavanagudi Sub-Registrar offices occupy the top two posts in the State in terms of revenue collection." Of the 35 districts demarced by the department across the State, Bengaluru Urban stands second in terms of revenue collection at Rs 1260.07 crore.

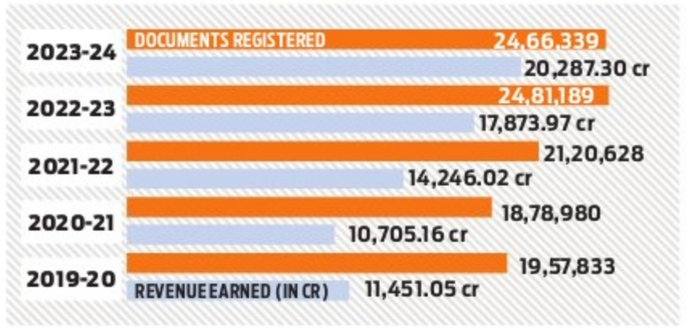


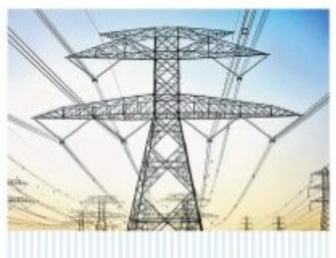
"It is a good achievement, but there is still scope to curb leakage and improve further. Systemic improvements are needed to ensure no leakage. We will work on it this financial year"

Krishna Byre Gowda, Revenue Minister

The increase in the guidance value effected since October 1 is the primary reason for it. resulted in an increase in collection of Stamp Duty which is 5% of the property value and the registration fee (1% of the property value), added another official.

Moreover after a gap of 28 years, the State government also effected a stamp duty hike by 200% to 500% this year (2024) in non-registrable items like legal documents for adoption, employee contracts, affidavits, loans, share transfers, divorce papers, power of attorney as well as rental or lease agreements. The Karnataka Stamp Act 1957 was amended as the Karnataka Stamp (Amednemnt Act) 2023. The biggest revenue generator for the fiscal 2023-24 is regn of sale deeds. It fetched the department Rs 15,938.87 crores in revenue.





Power supply hit

Many areas across Bengaluru went dark as soon as rain started in the city on Friday. Bescom recorded at least 17,981 complaints on Thursday evening, and 26,964 calls on Friday complaining of power disruption. Ten complaints of polls falling were reported from Bengaluru and 15 from Kolar. Complaints of 2 transformer blasts were also reported from KGF. Bescom officials said: "There are no scheduled power cuts. Due to strong winds and sudden thunder showers the feeders collapsed, and polls have fallen. In Hessarghatta four polls had fallen, one in Frazer Town and five in Kothnur, Nagawara. The lines had tripped in many places because of the sudden rain, most of them were restored by Friday

BWSSB aims to recycle 1 cr MLD of sewage to reduce pressure on Cauvery by 50%

Students enjoy the rain as they walk past Vidhana Soudha on Friday | EXPRESS

MOHAMMED YACOOB @Bengaluru

THE Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) is on its way to increase supply of water treated with zero-bacteria technology to significantly reduce dependency on Cauvery water or borewells. The board is already sending three lakh litres of zero-bacteria treated sewage water daily to IT major Wipro, and has set an aim to treat one crore litre of water treated with the zero-bacteria technology.

The sewage water is categorised as black water (which comes from sanitary lines) and grey water (discarded from bathrooms, kitchens and domestic use). BWSSB Chairman Ram Prasath Manohar said the demand for treated water has increased in Bengaluru from 60,000 litres to six million litres per day (MLD) over a decade and the board is treating 1,200 MLD of sewage water.

Water experts have said this initiative can significantly reduce pressure on Cauvery and borewell water for secondary purposes like bathing, washing, cleaning vehicles, gardening, AC maintenance and other non-potable functions by 50 per cent.

Water expert and environment professional Vishwanath Shrikantaiah said that 440 MLD of treated water from KC Valley was filling up tanks in Kolar, while 260 MLD of treated water from HN Valley was filling up tanks in Bengaluru Rural, Chilkkaballapur and Anekal.

This arrangement is for agricultural purposes, although the treated water is also supplied for lake rejuvenation and for industry use, he said. "Currently, 1,470 MLD of Cauvery water is supplied to Bengaluru through pipes, and under Cauvery stage V, additional 775 MLD of water will be supplied. If we put all our Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) to good use, recharge the ground, and protect our lakes, we can reduce stress on Cauvery water by 50 per cent."

ISKCON's value education contest ends, prizes given

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IN an initiative aimed at nurturing values among young minds, ISKCON's world's biggest value education contest based on the Bhagavad Gita concluded with a prize distribution ceremony on Friday at ISRO ISTRAC. Under the leadership of ISKCON's Seshadripuram branch, the contest targeted school students from 5th to 10th standard.

The primary objective of this initiative was to instil the timeless wisdom encapsulated within the Bhagavad Gita in young minds, empowering them to confront life's challenges with resilience and integrity. Over 1.2 lakh students participated from 22 districts in January 2024. Each participant received a copy of the Bhagavad Gita and a workbook to facilitate practical application of its teachings in their daily lives, stated a release.

Harshith T of 8th standard from Narayana e-techno School, Nagarbhavi, Sujan S Shenoy of 9th standard from Kendriya Vidyalaya (IISc), and Saanvi Gangineni of 6th standard from Narayana Olympiad School - Kasturi Nagar secured the top 3 positions respectively, among the 6k participants from Bengaluru who were awarded cycles sponsored by UMEED foundation social and economic welfare.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

04th May: It's time to stand up for India's ancient contribution to science and astronomy. It was India which invented the number zero, and Indian philosophy which created the concept of recognizing that 'nothing is something'! It's thanks to India that the international symbol for zero is a circle, because the sages of the past realized that the sky is circular.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Jupiter is waiting in the wings - so don't become demoralised if delays have affected family arrange-ments or domestic impro-vements. It is not yet time for such matters to proceed. But, when is the right time? You'll know well enough, that's for sure!

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Today's one of those days when you'd do best to re-orientate yourself and change your attitudes. The events of the last twenty-four hours may have caused you to think again. You'll be surprised, though, how quickly today's problems disappear, like a mirage in the desert.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Travel plans may still be interrupted or delayed by various irritating planetary alignments. Misunder-standings, rather than mechanical failures, are likely to be the root cause of any difficulties. That's why all you have to do is check important arrangements - and then double-check.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Just as long as you have answered those awkward outstanding questions, then your security is assured, so you may put financial cares behind you. Rather, realise that in all areas of your life it is genuinely equal, free and open partnerships which hold the key to future success and happiness.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
Sometimes you relish a battle, but you have suffered enough in the past not to want to put yourself through the mill again. You may therefore decide to draw a veil over recent contentious issues and set out on a fresh and optimistic path. And don't let anyone tell you otherwise!

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
On the whole you can congratulate yourself on a successful week. The Moon plays a powerful role, which should bring a feeling of emotional warmth and security to complement your many worldly achievements. Why not appreciate such fortunate stars?

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Many of you may have felt a sense of euphoria after recent emotional encounters. Others may have been knocked off balance, but you will surely benefit from the creative events which are due to follow. You can loosen up, get back to basics and fulfil a childhood dream.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
The weekend may not be the best time to deal with professional complications, unless you're a workaholic. It's probably far better to turn your hand to those family and home opportunities which have arisen over the last two or three days and enjoy a new leisure attraction.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
You'll probably experience a shift of mood around midday as the Moon switches positions and adjusts its emotional power over your psyche. This may prompt a change in your plans, but do keep other people informed, otherwise you can't blame them if they don't give you whole-hearted backing.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Get financial business out of the way this morning. The Moon now urges you to put such mundane business aside and think about what you really want to do. You can ponder your long-term future, and consult younger relations as to what they think should happen next.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
There's still some confusion over major plans. Although you may still not be able to travel as you would wish, or you might have to postpone an important agreement, it will be worth your while to continue along your current course, just as long as you ask the right questions.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
One of your great struggles in life is to learn to be more practical and less disorganised. Now that the Moon is changing its position, you may decide to try your hand at a little essential do-it-yourself, home improvements, or perhaps lay the foundations for a major new project.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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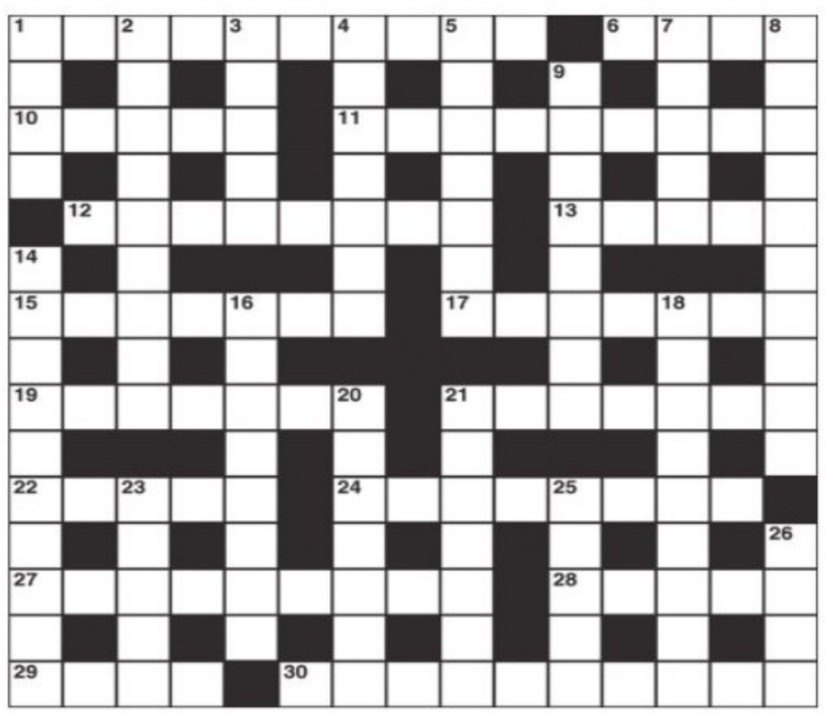

CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 Silly rhymes whether one likes it or not (5-5)
6 A point we returned to once more (4)
10 A bell-shaped attachment (5)
11 Break in (9)
12 Bribes an engineer in Australia (8)
13 Miserable, less competent hoarder (5)
15 A sitter becoming a performer (7)
17 Use it at resolving what is lying (7)
19 Mussolini is in debt and impoverished (7)
21 Storm ruined a party (7)
22 Material available in many London stores (5)
24 Gave lads the means to be saved from ruin (8)
27 Where the seas are high generally (2,3,4)
28 Italian city in sea storm (5)
29 Habit to boast about (4)
30 Curmudgeon's made to goover and make amends (10)

DOWN
1 Good! It's spring (4)
2 Wild bear I'd let free (9)
3 Shouts agreement about fifty-fifty set-up (5)
4 Flatter most sincerely (7)
5 Mail from the settler (7)
7 Wants a den semixture (5)
8 Warn omelet is off but may still be eaten (10)
9 He puts in a word when required (8)
14 Justification for fighting and shouting (10)
16 Supported in minute parts? (8)
18 A shop floor humiliation (9)
20 Despondency I spread about (7)
21 Money making gifts (7)
23 Alert to change in future (5)
25 He told stories of love among wild apes (5)
26 Cut talk that's over a quarter of an hour (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Tresses, 5 Aloft, 8 Sunbather, 9 Fad, 10 Soda, 12 Prospero, 14 Malice, 15 Little, 17 Regional, 18 Menu, 21 Own, 22 Asteroids, 24 Irene, 25 Matelot.

Down: 1 Tasks, 2 Eon, 3 Snap, 4 Sphere, 5 Acrostic, 6 Off centre, 7 Tadpole, 11 Diligence, 13 Accolade, 14 Marconi, 16 Bantam, 19 Upset, 20 Trot, 23 III.

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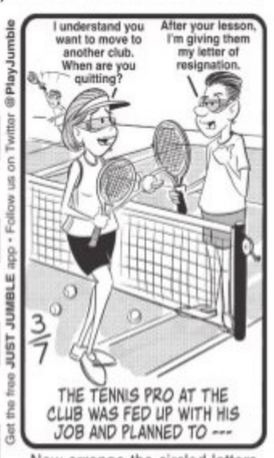
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: FURRY LAUGH EXTENT ACCESS
Answer: The dinosaur that knew lots of synonyms was a — "THESAURUS" REX

According to BWSSB, there could be a 5 per cent variation in water supply at Harohalli and Tataguni under Cauvery Phase 5 Project CP-04, on May 08 (Wednesday) as the board is taking up electricity-related work. All 5 Phase Cauvery Water Supply Project Water Pumps will be shut down for one hour.

BITCOIN SCAM

HC DIRECTS DYSP TO APPEAR BEFORE I.O., WON'T QUASH CASES

'Pujar should be let free after investigation by taking a bond of Rs 2 lakh with two sureties'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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REFUSING to quash the two FIRs registered against absconding accused Deputy Superintendent of Police, Shridhar K Pujar, by the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) probing the Bitcoin scam and a staff for an alleged attempt on his life when he went to arrest him, the Karnataka High Court directed Pujar to appear before the investigation officer at 9 am on May 8.

The investigation officer is at liberty to take Pujar to judicial custody and conclude the custodial investigation on the very same day before 6 pm and Pujar should cooperate with the investigation agency and at the same time, the prosecution should not indulge in extra-judicial methods while investigating the matter, the court said.

The court added that after the conclusion of the custodial investigation, Pujar should be let free by taking a bond of Rs 2 lakh with two sureties and he should appear before the investigation officer as and when called and should not in any way tamper the prosecution evidence.

Justice V Srishananda passed the order while disposing two petitions filed by Pujar questioning the two FIRs, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the matter. "In the case on hand, there is no special reason for this court to quash the FIR itself", the court observed while noting that an arrangement needs to be made which would strike a harmonious balance between the rights of the petitioner and the need of the prosecution.

The order was passed after hearing the arguments of senior advocate Aruna Shyam appeared for the accused Pujar and Additional State Public Prosecutor B N Jagadeesh on behalf of the CID.

"It is a settled principle of law and requires no emphasis that every accused is presumed to be innocent unless the allegations levelled against him stand proved before the court of law beyond all reasonable doubts. However, the prima- facie material would reveal that the petitioner said to be involved in helping the accused in a crime registered in the KG Nagar police station in 2020," the court noted. However, the court allowed another petition filed by Pujar and quashed the order of proclamation passed by the trial court against him, on account of procedural irregularities. Pujar is at liberty to appear before the jurisdictional court and subject himself to investigation, the court added. The HC also rejected the anticipatory bail to Pujar who is not available for investigation till now since the crimes are registered.

Members of Karnataka Meitei Association held a global solidarity campaign in Bengaluru as a part of one year of Manipur crises at Freedom park on Friday

Manipuris remember one yr of violence

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HUNDREDS of Manipuris in Bengaluru, and members of Karnataka Meitei Association (KMA) held a solidarity meet on Friday morning at Freedom Park, marking one year of violence in Manipur.

The Association members appreciated the government for deporting illegal immigrants, who are said to be the prime cause of the problems in the state, and urged the Central government and Manipur state government to restore peace in the region.

Association President Subhas Takhellambam spoke to TNIE and said that the facts of the region are misrepresented and misrepresented. Majority of the problem is caused due to the illegal immigrants, because of whom, the natives of the region have reduced in numbers.

"More than 200 lives were lost, and thousands have been rendered homeless in the ongoing conflict. We want to again bring to focus the plight of the Meitei community. Vested groups continue to exploit, and misinterpret the essence of our community. We also face the brunt of cross-border narco-terrorism which presents a serious threat to India's National Security. Our fight is not against any religion or community. It is against the nefarious groups who have destroyed the peaceful coexistence and harmony of the state," said a release issued by the association.

Takhellambam said that the assoication urges the State, Centre, and the opposition to prioritize justice to the victims.

HC won't quash case against BTC for evading tax

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IN a setback to bookies of the Bengaluru Turf Club (BTC), the Karnataka High Court refused to quash the criminal proceedings initiated against them by the CCB, for allegedly not depositing the crores of rupees collected from the punters and bettors towards GST and TDS, before the concerned department.

While dismissing the petition filed by Surya and Co 25 other bookies, Justice S Vishwajith Shetty observed that the allegations against the accused are very serious as they allegedly misappropriated crores of money collected by them, towards payment of GST and TDS. This is one among other allegations. Under the circumstances, the prayer made by the petitioners for quashing the FIR registered against them cannot be granted, he said.

The petitioners have challenged the legality of the crime registered by the CCB before the High Grounds police station for the offences punishable under the provisions of the Karnataka Police Act, 1963, Karnataka Race Betting Act and IPC.

Advocate General Shashikiran Shetty, and additional state public prosecutor BN Jagadeesha contended that the statement of 21 punters disclosed that bookies have collected GST at the rate of 25 percent while collecting the betting amount, and no receipts

were issued. The bookies, who have not maintained any record of the winning bettors, have also collected 30 percent TDS amount, they stated before the CCB.

The state government has also submitted that the raid was conducted after the completion of four horse races, and an amount of Rs 3.45 crore was seized. For the period from June 1, 2023, to January 18, 2024, a total of 1,507 races have been conducted in BTC but the total collection shown was only Rs 24.96 crore for the said period. If the average of four races is taken into consideration, the total betting amount for the 1,507 races is Rs 1,302 crores. But the collection shown was Rs 24.96 crore only, to evade tax, the state argued.

The state also submitted that the BTC president has also stated before the CCB that the bookies are not authorised to enter transactions in pencil sheets and the betting cards issued by them are not in the requisite format as they do not even contain tax invoices or GST numbers.

EXPRESS READ

Auto driver murdered over old rivalry

Bengaluru: A 42-year-old auto driver was stabbed with a dagger over an argument, in the wee hours of Thursday. The deceased has been identified as Murthy, a resident of Nagashettyhalli. The police said that an argument between Murthy and Sachin broke at the Nagashettyhalli bus stop, when he called history-sheeter Sharanappa, who had an old rivalry with Murthy. While arguing, Sharanappa stabbed Murthy with a dagger. They fled the spot, and a passersby rushed Murthy to a nearby hospital where he was declared dead on arrival. The Sanjaynagar police registered a case and are on the look out for the absconding accused. The investigating officer said that their old rivalry led to Murthy being stabbed.

629 consumers registered for 'Green Star Rating'

Bengaluru: BWSSB which had launched the Green Star Rating Campaign for consumers participating in the initiative has so far reported 629 registrations. The buildings and areas including more than 416 apartments, more than 68 government institutions, 2 IT parks, 13 IT companies, 52 commercial establishments, 32 hotels, 16 hospitals, 11 educational institutions, and 1 Dhobhi Ghat have registered for Green Star rating. Adopting technologies like water saving, increasing the use of treated water, adopting technology in the use of tube wells, adopting rainwater wells and promoting the importance of saving water by giving information to customers about all these new implementations for green start award.

Maid held for stealing gold, silver, cash

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THE JP Nagar police arrested a 38-year-old woman who had been working as a maid for the past 8 years, for allegedly stealing gold worth Rs 34 lakh and Rs 1 lakh cash from one of the houses that she had been working.

The accused, identified as Manjula is a resident of JP Nagar first phase and a native of Chamarajanagar. She had been working as a maid in many households in the locality.

The elderly couple noticed four gold bangles, silver ornaments and cash missing from their cupboard, and filed a complaint with the police. They suspected the maid, as she was the only visitor to their home after the naming ceremony of their grandson.

The police inestigation revealed that the maid had stolen the gold, silver and cash over several days. The maid continued to go to work as usual to avoid suspicion, the police added.

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SIT ISSUES FRESH LOOKOUT NOTICE AGAINST REVANNA, PRAJWAL

If they fail to respond to second notice, SIT to decide on action

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@ Bengaluru

THE Special Investigation Team (SIT) has issued a fresh notice to JDS leader and MLA HD Revanna and his son **Prajwal Revanna**, Hassan MP, in connection with a sexual harassment case registered against them in Holenarasipur town police station.

The first notice was issued on Tuesday. Both had sought time to appear before the SIT. Their plea was turned down as there is no such provision in the law. They have to appear before the SIT within 24 hours after the notice is issued.

The second notice was issued on Friday. A lookout notice has also been issued against Prajwal as he is now abroad.

Meanwhile addressing reporters, Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara said that the second notice was issued to Revanna and Prajwal as part of the procedure. If they fail to respond even to the second notice, then the SIT will take a call on the action to be taken against them. "The chief minister has written to the prime minister to initiate action to cancel the diplomatic passport of Prajwal.

The SIT will take up the kidnap case registered against Revanna in KR Nagar police station in Mysuru district. There is information that Prajwal is now in Germany. "We can send some officers there to secure him. But now, we are not contemplating doing it. I do not know where Karthik (former driver of Prajwal) is. If there are provisions in law to take action against those responsible for leaking the videos, then they will be included in the case" Dr Parameshwara said.

The SIT also issued a notice to Bhavani Revanna, wife of Revanna, as she has been accused of abusing the victim who had filed a complaint in Holenarasipur town police station.

SIT search

A team of 30 SIT personnel headed by Superintendent of Police Seema Latkar searched three residences of JDS leader and MLA Revanna's family in

Hassan district on Friday.

The search operation began at 3.30am. Of the three premises, two are farm houses owned by Revanna's sons. The farm houses are at Paduvalahippe and Gannigadda in Hassan district where the alleged sexual harassment is said to taken place. Those working in the farm houses were questioned by the SIT officers.

Advocate appears before SIT

Advocate Devaraje Gowda appeared before the SIT on Friday. Karthik had accused Gowda of leaking the videos. Gowda went to the SIT office to give his statement on the developments that happened after Karthik gave him the pen drive. After appearing before the SIT, Gowda said the investigations are going on at a rapid pace.

Plaint against Prajwal

In her complaint against Prajwal in the CID police station on Thursday, the 44-year-old victim alleged that she was Hassan ZP member when she was allegedly raped by Prajwal in the MP's quarters in Hassan at gun point in 2021.

The victim, who is a JDS worker, stated that as a panchayat member she visited the office of the MP and the MLA to help people. When she had gone to meet Prajwal seeking seats in the BCM hostel for girls, she was asked to wait for him in a room on the first floor. There were some women in the room. After they left, Prajwal closed the door and allegedly abused her sexually. He also made a video of her being sexually abused by him. He threatened to kill her and her husband if she went to the police, she said and accused Prajwal of raping her several times.

Revanna withdraws anticipatory bail plea

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ACCUSED No. 1 in the alleged sex scandal and MLA **HD Revanna** on Friday withdrew his anticipatory bail petition before the special court to try criminal cases against sitting and former MPs/MLAs in the city.

This was after State Public Prosecutor BN Jagadeesha submitted that provisions of Section 376 of IPC (rape charges) have not been invoked against Revanna. As of today, no non-bailable offences are invoked against him in the case, Jagadeesha told the court while also placing the notice issued to the accused under Section 41(A) of CrPC.

Senior advocate Murthy D Naik, representing Revanna, requested the court to permit him to withdraw the petition with the liberty to file a fresh petition if needed. The court disposed of the petition as withdrawn.

Revanna, who had approached the special court for anticipatory bail, had contended that the offences alleged against him are bailable. Subsequently, the SIT requested the jurisdictional court to invoke the charges of rape against him and the jurisdictional court gave permission. He is yet to obtain a copy of the permission, he pleaded through his counsel.

After hearing the matter, the court had issued a notice to SIT and asked it to file objections if any by Friday.

Revoke Prajwal's passport, CM tells PM again

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@ Bagalkot

CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday again demanded Prime Minister Narendra Modi to have the passport of Hassan MP Prajwal Revanna revoked, which will help the government of any foreign country to deport him.

Addressing the media, Siddaramaiah said he has written a letter to the PM in this regard, and added that the investigating agency will bring Prajwal back to India.

Holding the BJP responsible for giving the ticket to a rape accused, the CM alleged that the party did it deliberately, despite knowing about the heinous sexual acts allegedly committed by Prajwal.

The CM alleged that the BJP would stoop to any low in the name of Hindutva and to gain power.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar address the media in Bagalkot on Friday | EXPRESS

He said a case of rape has been filed against Prajwal, and not sexual harassment. "I strongly believe women who have been raped will not lie. Particularly, when a married woman complains of rape, we have to believe it," Siddaramaiah said.

Earlier, he said that a direction has been given to the officials concerned to trace the victims of rape and sexual harassment.

Siddaramaiah said that efforts have been made to deliver justice to the victims.

On the reported statement of JDS leader HD Kumaraswamy that he and his brother HD Revanna are different, Siddaramaiah wondered why is Kumaraswamy dicussing the case with lawyers, along with Revanna and father and former prime minister HD Deve Gowda.

"Interestingly, during the poll campaign, Kumaraswamy declared that his son and Prajwal are the same for him. The family plays politics together and commits heinous acts together," Siddaramaiah alleged.

He further claimed that the BJP has no respect for women, the Constitution, social justice, or for reservation.

Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, Textile Minister Shivanand Patil, MLA HY Meti, DCC president SG Nanajayyanamath and other leaders were present.

Muniyappa: Congress well-poised to win handsomely in Karnataka

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Belagavi

EVEN if the BJP in the state, as well as at the Centre, had allegedly created obstacles for the Congress government to implement its Annabhagya scheme, the state government fulfilled its promise by compensating beneficiaries through cash payment, said Food and Civil Supplies Minister KH Muniyappa, claiming that victory of the Congress was accordingly imminent across the state in the general election.

Addressing a press conference here on Friday, Muniyappa said the state government had decided to provide rice through the Annabhagya scheme for the benefit of the common people. "But, the state BJP and the Central Government played politics. Although, we are not allowed to get rice, we have fulfilled our promise by giving money to people in return. Therefore, the people have faith in us and believe that the Congress will win everywhere in the state, including the Belagavi district," he said.

Muniyappa said the Annabhagya scheme has been effectively implemented, even though the Centre has thrown many obstacles its path. "Apart from it, we have waived off loans of farmers. We are committed to providing a base price for agricultural produce and have many more plans for the poor and common people," he said.

Food and Civil Supplies Minister KH Muniyappa addresses a press conference in Belagavi on Friday | EXPRESS

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"There is a good environment for Congress in the state," claimed Muniyappa, adding that Women and Child Development Minister Laxmi Hebbalkar has promoted the Gruhalakshmi scheme well. He said that PWD Minister Satish Jarkiholi has created a good impression with his work. "Therefore, the Congress will win both the seats in Belagavi district. People now understand that the I.N.D.I.A bloc is necessary to save the Constitution of the country," he further claimed.

HEATWAVE

Change polling hours for May 7: BJP

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IN the wake of the heatwave across Karnataka, the BJP on Friday petitioned the Election Commission of India, requesting it to modify the polling hours to 6 am-7 pm in the 14 Lok Sabha seats in North Karnataka, which will go to polls on May 7.

The current scheduled polling time is from 7 am to 6 pm, and the 14 seats in South Karnataka that went to polls on April 26, adhered to this time.

It may be noted that BJP Kalaburagi candidate and sitting MP Dr Umesh Jadhav collapsed on Wednesday due to the severe heatwave and has been hospitalised.

A delegation, including BJP spokesperson Karunakara Khasale, met Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Manoj Kumar Meena and explained that it has become hard for the electorate to come out between 10 am and 5 pm because of the scorching summer heat.

The average temperature ranges between 37 degrees Celsius and 42 degrees Celsius, and the mercury levels are rising at an alarming rate, they added.

The number of voters above the age of 40 are more, and they are vulnerable to the extreme weather condition. "To keep up the good spirit of voting, necessary action should be taken," the petition stated. However, Meena clarified that the polling schedule cannot be modified, but the voters who will be at the premises before 6 pm will be allowed to exercise their franchise for an extra hour or so.

Foxconn land fencing measures under way

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KARNATAKA Industrial Areas Development Board (KIADB) Chief Executive Officer Dr Mahesh M on Friday clarified that the compensation sum for land acquisition related to the 300 acres allocated to Foxconn in Kundana hobli of Devanahalli taluk will be deposited in court.

Of the 867.37 acres of land acquired by KIADB across Aravanahalli, Doddagollahalli, Chapparadahalli, and Byradenahalli villages, 300 acres have been allocated to Foxconn, he informed.

"Measures will be implemented to install fencing for the land allocated to Foxconn in Doddagollahalli and Chapparadahalli villages, with the assistance of the land acquisition officer and police personnel," he stated.

In a stay order, the 3rd Additional Senior Civil Judge and JMFC, Devanahalli, has directed that the compensation should not be distributed directly to the land losers. Therefore, the compensation sum will be held as a deposit in the court, Dr Mahesh explained.

He clarified this following protests by Khata-holders, which occurred when the company authorities attempted to lay the fence for the allocated land.

SECOND-LINE CONG LEADERS ALSO SUPPORTING ME: KSE

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

THE Lok Sabha election in the Shivamogga constituency took a strange turn with senior politician and former DCM KS Eshwarappa entering the fray as a BJP rebel. He spoke to *TNIE* Special Correspondent **Ramachandra V Gunari** about the present election and situation in the constituency. Excerpts:

After touring the entire constituency, what is the response?
It's overwhelming. Around 70% of BJP and RSS workers are with me. These committed workers have made my job easy to reach out to people. Our Rashtra Bhaktara Balaga has constituted 2,238 booth committees across the constituency and workers are engaged in door-to-door campaigning. People of all castes and communities are supporting us.

Why you decided to contest?
Our leader Narendra Modi always said Congress is in the hands of mother and son and BJP would oppose such dynasty politics. But a similar situation in BJP exists in the state with BS Yediyurappa being a member of parliamentary board, one of his sons being an MP and another son state BJP president. At present, the state BJP is in the hands of BSY family. Second reason is sidelining of Hindutva ideology leaders like CT Ravi, Sadananda Gowda, Pratap Simha, Yatnal and others.

> *The party could have given the ticket to my son. Yediyurappa had assured Kanthesh of the ticket about six months before the elections and asked him to work in the Haveri constituency*
>
> KS Eshwarappa, former DCM

You decided to contest when your son Kanthesh was denied the party ticket. Doesn't it also mean dynasty politics?
Our PM Modiji and our leaders have decided to go with one family one person in politics. I am not an MLA nor a minister and am not holding any official position. The party could have given the ticket to my son. Yediyurappa had assured Kanthesh of the ticket about six months before the elections and asked him to work in the Haveri constituency.

You still use Modi's picture in your campaign...
Modi is a world leader. Every Hindu offers a pooja to Lord Ganesha. Can anybody stop anybody from doing so? Modi is my role model and I have kept him in my heart. By approaching court, BJP leaders have insulted Modi. I will continue to spread the ideology of Modi even after the elections.

Are you dissatisfied with the way BJP leaders treated you after the announcement of elections?
Central leaders have not stopped me from contesting the elections. But I am not happy with the way local leaders are behaving. The local leaders are engaged in black magic and had kept kumkum, turmeric, sliced lemon and flowers at the door of Rastra Bhakatara Balaga office in Shikaripura on Wednesday night. Support for Eshwarappa has scared BJP leaders in Shikaripura.

The perception is that you take BJP votes and that helps Congress...
Besides 70% support from BJP and RSS, the second line of Congress leaders in different taluks too are are extending their support to me, as they are sure that their candidate can hardly put up a fight against BJP. JDS leaders are also expressing their support as Vokkaliga community leaders in BJP, C T Ravi, Sadananda Gowda and Pratap Simha, were sidelined. So, we are getting the support from all sections of society and leaders of all parties.

DROUGHT COMPENSATION: DCs TO OPEN HELP DESKS

BENGALURU: After the Central Government released Rs 3,454.22 crore to the state for drought relief under the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF), the state government initiated measures to provide compensation to eligible farmers. As per the Government Order (GO) issued on Tuesday, the government had earlier given Rs 2,000 as compensation to the farmers and the remaining component of the compensation will be given to them. The Deputy Commissioners have been directed to open help desks at their own offices, and at the offices of Assistant Commissioners and Tehsildars to provide information to farmers.

FAITH FINDING

CANDIDATES NOW DISH OUT BHAKTI FOR BALLOT

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Belagavi

CANDIDATES contesting the Lok Sabha polls have picked up one more trick from the book and are distributing pictures, portraits and books of gods and swamijis to woo 'god-fearing' voters in both Chikkodi and Belagavi Lok Sabha constituencies.

They would like to believe that such voters will not cheat them and will definitely vote in their favour on May 7.

Be it devotion, emotion or relation, the candidates are leaving nothing to chance to get the electorate to vote for them.

Campaigning for the Lok Sabha elections by posting pictures of deities and temples on social media commenced long back. But now, supporters of some candidates are reaching the doorsteps of voters with these portraits and books. As expected, BJP supporters have been giving away photos of newly inaugurated Ayodhya Ram temple and Lord Rama in Belagavi.

BJP supporters distribute photographs of Lord Shivyogi and Maralurshankar among citizens in Athani on Friday | EXPRESS

It all started with Hanuman Jayanti Day when BJP supporters started distributing Lord Hanuman portraits and prasad at the doorsteps of votersin both Chikkodi and Belagavi Lok Sabha constituencies.

In Athani, photographs of Lord Shivayogi and Maralurshankar were also distributed among voters. The temples of both these deities are famous in Athani.

Sleuths from the Air Intelligence Unit (AIU) of Customs at the Tiruchy International Airport seized 235 grams of 24 karat gold valued at Rs 16.17 lakh from three passengers who arrived from Kuala Lumpur on Friday

No coercive steps against Cong IT team: T'gana HC

Directs Hyd police commissioner, principal secy, others to file response

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Hyderabad

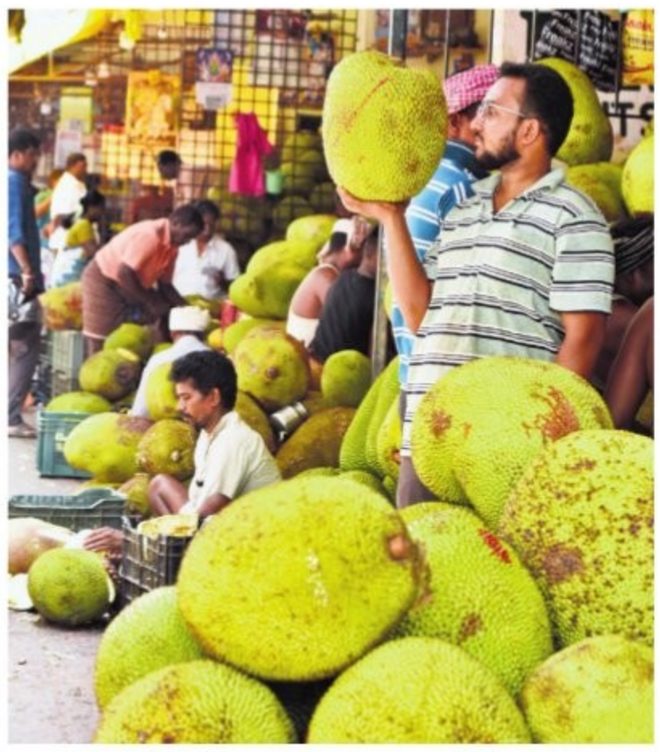
IN a significant development, Justice B Vijaysen Reddy of the Telangana High Court on Friday directed state as well as Delhi police not to take any coercive steps against the petitioners -- Manne Sathish, Asma Tasleem (Congress spokesperson), Ambala Shiva Kumar (TPCC state secretary), Pettam Naveen (advocate), Koya Geetha and Pendyala Vamshi Krishna (TPCC social media state secretaries).

The court directed Commissioner of Police, Hyderabad, and principal secretary (Home) and others, to file their response and adjourned the hearing for four weeks.

The petitioners raised concerns over a case registered by the SHO, Special Cell, Delhi, on a complaint filed by one Shinku Sharan Singh, alleging morphing of and circulation of a video of Union Home Minister Amit Shah stating that reservations for STs, SCs and OBCs would be scrapped if the BJP came to power at the Centre. A similar case was registered by Hyderabad police on a complaint lodged by G Premender Reddy, BJP state general secretary. The petitioners also challenged the notices issued under Section 91/160 of CrPC by the Delhi police.

The petitioners, who are the members of the Congress holding various positions, asserted that they were law-abiding citizens without any criminal antecedents.

Admitting their participation in election campaigns, they said they did not violate any norms prescribed by the Election Commission of India. Finding the notice issued by the SHO, Special Cell, Delhi, to be untenable, as the petitioners were already named accused in another similar case with same allegations, Justice Vijaysen Reddy granted interim relief to the petitioners, directing the respondents not to take any coercive steps against them. The court adjourned the matter for four weeks to allow the respondents to file their replies



HEAT REMEDY

Owing to the summer heat and cases of heatstroke, loads of jackfruit being sold at Koyambedu vegetable market in Chennai. The fruit contains vitamin C that protects the skin from sun damages | P JAWAHAR

Newborn killed, barcode on plastic helps nab accused

TOBY ANTONY @ Kochi

THANKS to the barcode on the plastic cover of the online shopping platform Amazon, police managed to zero in on the accused persons within hours after the body of the newborn was found lying on the road in Vidhya Nagar on Friday. Police suspect that the victim had made all preparations for giving birth in the bathroom of the house.

After the police got information that the body of a newborn was found on the road at Vidhya Nagar, they reached the place around 8.30 am. "There were CCTV cameras installed outside the apartment. When we checked the footage, it was found that around 8- 8.15 am, a cover landed on the road from the top floors of the building. Thus we confirmed that someone living in the apartment had thrown out the body," a police officer. However, a breakthrough came when police checked the plastic cover near the body. The plastic cover was that of Amazon and there was an address on it. "The address was not legible as blood was spread all over it. But we managed to find a barcode on the plastic cover. After scanning the bar code, we found the address of the accused who was living in a flat on the fifth floor of the apartment. Within three hours, we interrogated the accused and she confessed to the crime," a police officer said.

Police also found clothing and medical equipment from the bedroom of the accused which raises suspicion that she was making all preparations for giving birth without informing anyone. "In recent days, she had purchased goods like clothes and medical equipment for giving birth. But what surprises us most is that no one else, including the parents of the accused, had any information that she was pregnant," a police officer said.

Case against Shah for 'using kids' in canvassing

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Hyderabad

A case under Section 188 of IPC was registered by the Moghalpura police against Union Minister Amit Shah, BJP MLA Raja Singh and party Hyderabad Lok Sabha candidate Madhavi Latha following a complaint lodged by G Niranjan, TPCC senior vice president and chairman of the Election Commission Coordination Committee, alleging that they were engaging children in election campaigning.

The complaint alleged that during a recent rally in the Hyderabad parliament constituency, children were seen holding BJP flags and other party symbols on the dais. The children were again found participating in the public meeting held at Sudha Talkies after the rally. Niranjan also enclosed purported photographic evidence showing Shah, Raja Singh, Madhavi Latha and others, sharing the stage with the children. This prompted the Moghalpura police to initiate an investigation.

First indigenous bomber UAV unveiled in B'luru

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

INDIA'S first indigenous bomber UAV aircraft- FWD-200B developed by Flying Wedge Defence, one of the pioneers in India's defence and aerospace technology sector, was unveiled on Friday.

Driven by a commitment to reducing India's reliance on costly bomber unmanned aircraft imports and boosting the Make in India initiative, the company aims to position India as a global drone manufacturing and technology hub while equipping the nation with the right air defence resources and enhancing national security, according to a press release issued from Flying Wedge.

"For over 15 years, India's pursuit of combat unmanned aircraft remained a distant dream. With the launch of the FWD-200B, India not only fulfils this dream but also joins the league of nations with advanced combat aircraft capabilities," said Suhas Tejaskanda, Founder of Flying Wedge Defence & Aerospace.

"While the US Predator costs a staggering Rs 250 crores, our indigenous FWD-200B, built with state-of-the-art technology and manufactured in India, slashes the cost to a mere Rs 25 crores. This not only demonstrates our commitment to self-reliance but also positions India as a leader in cost-effective defence solutions", he added.

The Flying Wedge Defence's state-of-the-art manufacturing unit where the FWD-200B was meticulously crafted, is over 12000 sq.ft built on 1.5 acre land and is located at Electronic City.

The FWD-200B has a payload capacity of 100 kgs and is classified as a MALE Unmanned Combat Aerial Vehicle (medium-altitude, long-endurance). The Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) consists of optical surveillance payloads and is integrated with missile-like weapons for precision air strikes.

While having a max speed of 200 kts/370 kmph, it has an endurance capacity of 12-20 hours.

EXPRESS READ

Not posted from Revanth's personal handle: Legal team

Hyderabad: The advocate representing CM A Revanth Reddy before the officials of Intelligence Fusion and Strategic Operations (IFSO), Special Cell, New Delhi, in connection with a case regarding a doctored video of Union Home Minister Amit Shah, stated that the video was not posted from the personal account of the TPCC president. Furthermore, Revanth's legal team requested an extension of four weeks to provide additional responses.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to Public at large by **Sri. M.C. Govindaraj** S/o Makam Chakrapani & Late Smt M.G. Lakshmi Devi W/o M.C. Govindaraj residing at No:226/25, 1st B Cross, BDA Layout 8 Main, Byrasandra Bangalore 560 011. It is to notify that my client who is staying at above mentioned property owned through registered Sale deed vide document No: 185/1994-95 Dated: 21.04.1994. My client states that he has lost original sale deed while shifting the house hold in the above mentioned location. My client further states that if anyone finding the aforesaid document is hereby requested to hand over the same to Sri. M.C. Govindaraj residing at the address mentioned above,

P. K. VENKATESH PRASAD, Advocate
Malleswaram, Bangalore -560003.

BEFORE THE 85th ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE COMMERCIAL COURT AT BENGALURU (CCH – 86)
Com. O.S. 1452/2023

BETWEEN: SMT. FAIZYA FAROOK, W/o Mohammed Adil Ameen, aged about 39 years, Residing at No. 117, Cunningham Road, Opposite C.I.E. Limited, Bengaluru 560 052 Represented by her GPA Holder Mr. Farook Noor Mohammed ... **PLAINTIFF**

AND: 1.M/S. LUEURR, A Partnership Firm, Presently operating its business in First Floor, Al-Noor Building, No.82/2, Mosque Road, Frazer Town Bengaluru – 560 005. Represented by its Partners

2.Mrs. SABIHA MUSTAFA NEHVI, D/o Mr.Gulam Musthafa Nehvi, aged about 56 years, No.41/2139, Hazee Cottage, Manacaud, Thiruvananthapuram Kerala - 560 005

3.Sri. N.K.P. ABDUL AZEEZ, S/o late Haji C Abdul Rahim, Aged about 58 years, Residing at No.22, Coles Road, Frazer Town, Bengaluru 560 005

4.Smt. MAIMMUNISA BEGUM M. @ Smt. Ayesha Khan, D/o Mohammed Mastan Vali, Aged about 26 years, Residing at No.51, Ward No.15, Court Mohallah, 1st Cross, Near Miller Pet Masjid Bellary - 583 101

5.Sri Mohammed Humer Ulla Khan, S/o Ghouse Khan, Aged about 32 years, Residing at 3rd Floor, Shariff Residency, No. 5/1, 4th Cross, 1st Main Road MD Block, Chamrajpet, Bengaluru 560 018. ... **DEFENDANTS**

Notice to Defendant No. 5: Sri Mohammed Humer Ulla Khan, S/o Ghouse Khan, Aged about 32 years, Residing at 3rd Floor, Shariff Residency, No. 5/1, 4th Cross, 1st Main Road MD Block, Chamrajpet, Bengaluru 560 018 ... **DEFENDANT No. 5**

Whereas the Plaintiff named above has filed a commercial suit against you under Order VII Rule I read with Section 26 of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 seeking the following reliefs against you,

a. Evicting the Defendant from the Schedule Premises and consequentially directing them to deliver vacant possession of the same to the Plaintiff;
b. And further direct the Defendants to pay a sum of INR 1,50,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Fifty Thousand) per month as damages to the Plaintiff for the Defendants' unauthorised use and occupation of the Schedule Property, calculated from the date of filing of this suit till the date of handing over vacant possession of the Schedule Property to the Plaintiff.
c. For costs;
d. And such other order as deemed fit to be granted in the circumstances of the case to serve the interest of justice and equity.

You are hereby directed to take notice that you are summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court in person or through a pleader on **29/05/2024** at 11:00AM to answer the aforesaid claim. Take note that if you default in appearing on the said day and time fixed for your appearance, the suit will be heard ex-parte and you will be bound by the Orders of this Court.

Given under the hand and seal of the Court on this, the 16th day April month of 2024 at Bengaluru.

By Order of the Court, Senior Sheristedar, Commercial Court Unit, City Civil Court Bengaluru.

Advocate for Plaintiff:
SAMYA LAW CHAMBERS
No. 327-328, 4th Floor, K.P. Heights, 80 Feet Road, Indiranagar, Bengaluru-560008.

BEFORE THE HON'BLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - I (KARNATAKA)
4TH FLOOR, TELEPHONE HOUSE BUILDING, RAJ BHAVAN ROAD, BENGALURU- 560 001.

O. A. No. 701 of 2021

Between,
Bank Of Baroda, Whitefield Branch, Bengaluru. ...**Applicant**
And
Sri. Venkata Satyaram Bandaru and two others. ...**Defendants**

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES.

M/s. S. V. Constructions, A Partnership Firm, Having its office at plot no. 402, "Ashwini Heights", HAL II Stage, Kodihalli, Indranagar, Bengaluru - 560 038 ... **DEFENDANT No.3.**

Whereas the Applicant Bank above named has instituted an Application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993, against you, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.56,76,104-00/- (Fifty Six Lakhs Seventy Six Thousand One Hundred and Four Rupees Only)** together with interest thereon, at the rate of 10.3% P.A. with monthly rests from this date till date of realization in full. You are therefore directed to appear before this Hon 'ble Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly authorized agent in support of your defense, if any, and show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on or before **26/06/2024 at 10.30 A.M.** as to why the reliefs prayed for by the Applicant Bank against you, should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of your default, the Applicant will be heard and the case determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this the **19th Day of Feb, 2024.**

Sd/- REGISTRAR
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I, 4TH FLOOR, TELEPHONE HOUSE BUILDING, RAJ BHAVAN ROAD, BENGALURU- 560 001.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BE IT KNOWN TO ALL THAT, our Client **Mr. Laxman Vaswani**, Son of Mr.Shabhunath Hiranand Vaswani, residing at Flat A, 3/F Block A, WYLIE COURT, 23, Wylie Path, HO MAN TIN, Kowloon, Hongkong, is the lawful owner in possession, occupation and enjoyment of the property bearing No. 53, Katha No.439/53, now having assigned E-Katha No.150200200600300380 by the Rajanakunte Gram Panchayat, the said Plot totally measuring 10252 Sq. Ft., in the layout known and called as **"Prestige North-West County"** situated at Adde Vishwanathapura Village, Hesarghatta Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, the said property was formed, developed and sold by M/s. Prestige Constructions; Our Client has lost / misplaced the following documents in respect of the aforesaid property;

1. Original Agreement to Sell dated 13.03.1995 entered between M/s. Prestige Constructions and Mr. Laxman Vaswani;
2. Original Power of Attorney given by Mr. Laxman Vaswani to Mr.Parshotham Vaswani for registration of the Sale Deed dated 08.12.2004 on behalf of the Purchaser;
3. Original Sale Deed dated 08.12.2004, registered as document No.YAN-1-17581/2004-05, stored in CD No. YAND96, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Yelahanka, Bangalore

A Police Complaint with regard to the loss of the aforesaid original documents has been filed.

Any person/s, who has knowledge of the said original documents and / or in whose hands the aforesaid original documents may come, shall notify the undersigned at the address mentioned herein with regard to the aforesaid original documents, at the earliest and not later than Ten (10) days from the date of this notice. In the event we or our Client do not in any manner get any information about the said original documents within the time frame mentioned herein, our Client shall act upon the copies / Certified Copies of the aforesaid documents, as if, the same is the original.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that our client proposes to enter into an investment transaction involving the below described "Schedule Properties", admeasuring 15 acres 02 guntas owned by **Century Siliconcity Private Limited**, ("**Owners**"). In connection with said proposed transaction, Owners intends to create security / charge over the Schedule Properties.

Given the above, if any person/s, entity, firm, institution (corporate or otherwise) has or claims any right, title, interest, share, estate, benefit, pending litigation, objection or demand of any nature in or upon the Schedule Properties or any part thereof, including by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, agreement for sale, transfer, assignment, lease, sub-lease, license, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, gift, acquisition, requisition, any encumbrance, or beneficial right / interest under any trust, right of prescription or pre-emption or under any agreement or other disposition or under any suit, decree, injunction order or attachment or award passed by any Court or Authority litigation, lis-pendens, decree or order of any adjudicating authority, exchange, partition, power of attorney, will, bequest, FSI, tenancy, development rights, partnership, family arrangement /settlement, possession, allotment or otherwise howsoever (collectively, "Claims"), the same may be brought to the notice of the undersigned in writing together with all details of the Claims made together with supporting documents within Fifteen (15) days from the date of this notice, failing which such Claims shall be considered to have been waived and/or given up and our client shall be entitled to complete the transaction in respect of the Schedule Properties. Objections and/or Claims received after the expiry of the period stipulated above shall neither be entertained nor be binding on our client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

All that piece and parcel of converted properties bearing BBMP Khata serial No. 2796, Municipal No. 48, Munnekolalu, Bangalore (carved out of survey numbers 128, 129/1, 45, 44 (old No.44/7), 127 (old No.44/6), 42/4 (now part of 42), 43/3 of Munnekolalu Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk together measuring 15 acres 02 guntas, and bounded on the:

East by : Land bearing Sy Nos. 43 & 130; West by : Land bearing Sy Nos. 42 & 126;
North by : Varthur Main Road; South by : Land bearing Sy No. 46, 127p, 128p , 129/2 & private property

Dated: 04.05.2024
Bengaluru

N.K. Dilip/S. Raghu Nandana, Tatva Legal, Bengaluru, Advocates
4th Floor, Pheonix Pinnacle, No. 46, Ulsoor Road, Bangalore-560042.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

SIGNAL & TELECOMMUNICATION / MADURAI DIVISION

E-TENDER NOTICE No: U-SG-02-2024-25, DATED 30.04.2024

Senior Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer, Southern Railway, Madurai Division for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tender for the following work as per detailed tender notice given in our e-tender portal **www.ireps.gov.in** The tenderer(s) intending to apply need to get enrolled in the e-tender portal **"www.ireps.gov.in"** and only online tenders will be accepted. The date and time of closing is mentioned against each work. All relevant credentials & supporting documents are to be scanned and uploaded along with the offer.

Sl. No.	Name of the Works	Closing Date and Time
1	Provision of power supply redundancy and 70 block sections HASSDAC RDSO TAN Compliance (SSE/S/N/MDU & SSE/S/PLNI - 21 sections)	**15.05.2024 11:00 Hrs.**
2	Provision of power supply redundancy and 70 block sections HASSDAC RDSO TAN Compliance (SSE/S/TEN,SSE/S/TSI & SSE/S/VPT - 26 sections)	**15.05.2024 11:00 Hrs.**
3	Provision of power supply redundancy and 70 block sections HASSDAC RDSO TAN Compliance (SSE/S/KKDI & SSE/S/MNM - 23 sections)	**15.05.2024 11:00 Hrs.**
4	Provision of E1 channel and its associated S&T arrangements at DG/TSS for commissioning of EEMS	**15.05.2024 11:00 Hrs.**
5	Proposed Track Machine siding - 9 stations (KDNL, KRUR, PDKT, PMK, RMD, TVN, SNKL, SVKS, UDT) - S&T work	**22.05.2024 11:00 Hrs.**

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

Koramangala Branch, No. 348, 100 Feet Road, 4th Block Koramangala, Bangalore–560 034 Ph: 94835 20885, email:cb0885@canarabank.com

SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/ physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Koramangala Layout** of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and " Whatever there is" on **23.05.2024** from 10.30 A.M. to 12.30 P.M., for recovery of **Rs.72,61,510.14** as on 01.05.2024 due to the **Koramangala Layout** of Canara Bank from **1. Nagaraj S.** S/o. Sripada Jois, **2. Anitha S. R.** W/o. Nagaraj S.

The reserve price will be **Rs.43,00,000/-** and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs.4,30,000/-**. The Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before **22.05.2024** before **4.00 pm.**

Details and full description of the immovable property with known encumbrances, if any:

Property standing in the name of Mr. Nagaraj S. residential bearing Flat No. 203, on 2nd Floor of the apartment known as **Rajamatha Grant,** with super builtup area of 1060 sq.ft. together with one covered car parking in the basement /stilt situated at Horamavu Village, K. R. Puram, Hobli, Bengaluru, East by : Private Property, West by : Site No. 9 & 10, North by : Road, South by : Road.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or may contact Chief Manager, **Koramangala Layout** Canara Bank, Ph : 080-25536364, M-94835 20885, email:cb0885@canarabank.com. during office hours during office hours on any working day.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 02.05.2024

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

TATA CAPITAL HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED
CIN No. U67190MH2008PLC187552.
Regd. Office: 11th Floor, Tower A, Peninsula Business Park, Ganapatrao Kadam Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai – 400013.
Contact No. (022) 61827414, (022) 61827375

POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

(As per Rule 8(1) of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the TATA Capital Housing Finance Limited., under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice dated as below calling upon the Borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The borrower, having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower, in particular and the public, in general, that the undersigned has taken Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules.

The borrower, in particular, and the public in general, are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the TATA Capital Housing Finance Limited, for an amount referred to below along with interest thereon and penal interest, charges, costs etc. from date of demand notice.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Loan Account No.	Name of Obligor(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s)	Amount & Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession
TCHHF08530001 0100212031	**Mr. N Manjunatha Dead Represented by his legal heir Mrs. K N ASHA (Borrower) Mrs. K N ASHA, KN Copier Solutions (Co Borrower)**	As on 08.01.2024 Rs. 81,19,675/-	29 April, 2024

SCHEDULE PROPERTY : Schedule Property ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF THE EASTERN PORTION OF Residential Property, SITE NO. 2, formed in property No. 26/5, now comes under BBMP Limits, situated at 9th 'A' CROSS, KANAKANAGAR, VISWANATHA NAGENHALLI, Bangalore) BBMP Ward No. 96, New Ward No. 22, measuring East to West: 18 Feet and North to South: 40 Feet, in total 720 Sq.ft (out of 1200 Sq.ft), along with 2 Squares of RCC roofed house in the Ground Floor, 2-Squares of RCC Roofed house in the First Floor, 2 Squares of RCC Roofed house in the Second Floor, with mosaic flooring, jungle wood used for doors & windows and all civic amenities, and bounded on East By : Site No. 1, West By: Remaining Portion Of The Same Property North By : 25 Feet Wide Road, South By : Property Belongs To Venkatappa

Date : 29th April 2024
Place : Bangalore

For Tata Capital Housing Finance Limited
-Sd- Authorised Officer

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(i) Mr.Prathima C.M, W/o.Mr.Byresha C (Principal Borrower) **(ii) Mr.Byresha C,** S/o.Mr.Chowdaiah (Joint/Co Borrower) Both residing at: Site No.8, 4th Floor, No.9, 22nd Cross, 4th Main, Someshwara Layout, Hulimavu, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore South-560 076	**Rs.46,43,905/-** due as on 03.04.2024 together with further interest @ contractual rate and costs, charges and expenses and less amounts repaid thereafter if any. (Under Loan A/c. No. 003433330000216).	(i) All that piece and parcel of immovable Residential House property bearing site No.192, Khatha No.192/65, situated at **Mylasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District,** presently within the limits of Doddathoguru Village Panchayath, measuring East to West : 40-00 feet and North to South : 30-00 feet , in all measuring 1200sq.ft together with RCC Roofed residential house constructed thereon owned by Mrs.Prathima C M and bounded by : **East : Road, West : Site No.202, North : Site No.193, South : Site No.191** (ii) NIL, (iii) Rs.28,05,000/- (iv) Rs.2,80,500/- & (v) 23.05.2024 at 11.00 AM

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Place : Bangalore
Date : 04.05.2024

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> Modi ji tried and at once Chandrayaan (mission to Moon) got launched. Sonia Gandhi has launched this 'yaan' named Rahul Baba (Rahul Gandhi) twenty times, but her launching has not been successful. Today for the twenty-first time, running away from Amethi, he has filed nomination from Raebareli
>
> Amit Shah, Union Home Minister

Union Home Minister Amit Shah greets the gathering during an election campaign at Hukkeri in the Chikkodi Lok Sabha segment on Friday | EXPRESS

Refer Neha case to CBI if you can't probe it, Shah tells Siddu govt

Asks voters if they want *Parivarvad* Congress or *Parivarvad Mitanewali* BJP to win LS polls

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Belagavi

UNION Home Minister Amit Shah, while addressing a rally at Hukkeri in Chikkodi Lok Sabha constituency on Friday, took on the Siddaramaiah government over the murder of 23-year-old Neha Hiremath, and said if the State Government cannot properly investigate the killing, then the case should be handed over to the CBI. Shah, who was campaigning for Chikkodi BJP candidate Annasaheb Jolle, said the Central agency would ensure stringent punishment for Neha's killer.

"I met Neha's mother and found that there was pressure on the girl to convert. The State Government should hand over the case to CBI if it is not possible for it to investigate the case properly. The CBI will hang the killer upside down and straighten up things," the Home Minister added.

Neha, a 23-year-old student, was brutally killed on her college campus in Hubballi last month.

Lambasting the Congress government over the issue of law and order, Shah said, "The 10-month-old Congress government in Karnataka has destroyed the entire state. If you trust PM Narendra Modi and vote for the BJP, the party will develop Karnataka in the coming days. The BJP has plans to take up several irrigation projects and also link several rivers."

Shah said for the last 70 years, the Congress put the issues of Ayodhya Ram Mandir, Kashi Vishwanath

Mandir Corridor project, development of Somnath Madir, Kedar Dham, and Badari Dham on the back burner due to its appeasement politics. He alleged that AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge and Congress leader Rahul Gandhi stayed away from the Ram Mandir inauguration ceremony in Ayodhya, fearing their party's vote bank.

Shah asked the gathering if they want the 'Parivarvad Congress' or the 'Parivarvad mitanewali' BJP to come to power after the ongoing Lok Sabha polls. He asked the people whether Kashmir belonged to India or not and recalled Kharge's statement, "What was the connection of Rajasthan and Karnataka to the issue of Kashmir?" "Kharge saab... you have crossed 80 years of age but did not understand the people of Chikkodi, where every kid is ready to lay down his or her life for Kashmir. For the last 70 years, the Congress kept Article 370 in its lap and kept playing with it. Due to the Congress' stand on Kashmir, terrorism continued. When Modi became the PM, the abrogation of Article 370 was done once and for all. When the Bill to abrogate Article 370 was tabled in Parliament, Rahul Gandhi opposed it, stating that a river of blood will flow in Kashmir if it is passed. I want to tell Rahul that nobody dared to even throw a stone," he added.

He also defended the Centre's decision to ban PFI and alleged that the Congress came to power in Karnataka with the support of SDPI, and soon after there was a bomb in a cafe in Bengaluru. "Unfortunately, the State Government hastily claimed that it was a LPG cylinder blast. But the NIA investigation found that the anti-national SDPI carried out the blast," Shah said.

Shah alleged Jolle's political rivals were involved in cutting the hills, grabbing land, and insulting Hindu culture and warriors.

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Amid Prajwal row, BJP-JDS alliance likely to continue for Council polls

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

EVEN as a section of BJP leaders feel that the alleged sex scandal involving JDS leader and Hassan MP Prajwal Revanna has caused embarrassment to the saffron party, the BJP and JDS are most likely to continue with their alliance for the biennial elections to the Karnataka Legislative Council for six seats to be held on June 3.

State JDS chief and former chief minister, HD Kumaraswamy, has been campaigning for the BJP in some of the constituencies that will go for polling in Karnataka on May 7, indicating that his party's alliance with the saffron party will continue.

The JDS held the South West Teachers constituency, represented by SL Bhoje Gowda, and the South Teachers seat was won by Marithibbe Gowda. But Marithibbe Gowda resigned and joined the Congress.

The BJP will also find a new face for the South West Graduates seat as Ayanur Manjunath has joined the Congress recently. The saffron party will contest from Bengaluru Graduates seat represented by A Deve Gowda, South East Teachers seat by YA Narayanaswamy, and North East Graduates seat won by Dr Chandrashekhar B Patil.

Of the six seats that will go to the polls, the JDS may seek two and the BJP will contest from the remaining four. But the BJP may try to get another seat additionally because it had sacrificed the Bengaluru Teachers constituency, which it had held, to JDS in the bypolls held in February 2024. But JDS candidate AP Ranganath was defeated by Congress' Puttanna.

Several BJP leaders, including spokesman Ashwathnarayana Gowda, have confirmed that the BJP-JDS alliance will continue. "But on seat sharing, leaders from both parties will sit together and take a call," said another spokesperson, MG Mahesh.

The alliance between the two parties for the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and zilla and taluk panchayat polls all depends on the outcome of the Lok Sabha polls. "If JDS wins its three seats, including Hassan, the scenario will be different and the alliance will continue," said a BJP leader.

"The BJP-JDS alliance failed in the Bengaluru Teachers' council seat bypolls. Let them (BJP-JDS) go with Prajwal's face. We welcome it if they continue the alliance for the June 3 polls, as it will help the Congress," remarked KPCC media and communication chief Ramesh Babu, a former MLC.

South Teachers poll a prestigious battle for NDA, Congress

K SHIVA KUMAR @Mysuru

WHEN people and politicians are yet to get over the first phase of Lok Sabha elections, the notification for the South Teachers' constituency election has made the region again slip into the poll mood. This will again be a prestigious battle for both the ruling Congress and BJP -JDS alliance in the Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's backyard of Mysuru and Chamarajanagar, other than Mandya and Hassan districts.

Congress has won the election only once in 2000, while the constituency has remained a stronghold of Janata Parivar for many years.

Sitting MLC Marithibbe Gowda, who has quit JDS, has joined Congress now. Assured of the Congress ticket, he will try his luck for the fifth consecutive victory. Gowda has contested the election since 2000 and has won on Congress, JDS tickets and once as an independent when JDS fielded retired DDPI Sharadamma, while denying him the ticket. He quit JDS as he was upset with the regional party for denying a ticket to his close confidant and former senate member Jairam from the South Graduates' constituency to accommodate Karnataka State Government Employees' Association president Ramu.

Over the last two years, he has developed a bonhomie with Congress leaders and also campaigned for Congress candidates in Assembly and Lok Sabha elections.

With the filing of nomination for the South Teachers' constituency starting from May 9 and election set for June 3, lobbying has intensified in both JDS and BJP. Former MLC KT Srikante Gowda is making efforts, while JDS leader Vivekananda and former syndicate member Lingaraje Gowda too are strong contenders.

BJP-JDS leaders, who are keen on continuing the alliance for the Council and urban/rural local body elections, are yet to meet and finalise the candidate.

The alliance desperately wants to win the seat to contain the influence and political clout of both Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar. The victory here will give a stamp of approval from people to the Mysuru City Corporation elections. A defeat in the Old Mysuru region and Vokkaliga heartland would be a major setback for both BJP and JDS and could lead to cracks in the alliance.

BJP eyes BC, Dalit votes, Cong depends on subsects of Lingayats

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ Bengaluru

WITH the campaign turning intense for the 14 Lok Sabha seats in North Karnataka that are going to the polls on May 7, BJP has been trying to woo a portion of Backward Classes and Dalit votes, which Congress is trying to consolidate, besides minority votes.

The BJP that swept the entire North Karnataka in 2019 is pinning hopes on the Veerashaiva-Lingayat community continuing to support it, with former CM BS Yediyurappa's son BY Vijayendra being the party state president. Then, of course, it banks on the 'Modi wave'. But the party lacks prominent faces from Backward Classes and Dalits that can draw votes.

Former minister KS Eshwarappa, a Kuruba, has rebelled and is contesting as an independent from Shivamogga. ST Nayaka leader and former minister B Sriramulu is running from Ballari. Their services could have otherwise been used by the party, political analysts said. That is why the party is experimenting with former minister Byrati Basavaraj, a Kuruba, among others.

"In Karnataka, Siddaramaiah, Yediyurappa and HD Deve Gowda are undisputed community leaders. Since the last Assembly polls, DyCM DK Shivakumar has emerged as the prominent Vokkaliga leader in Old Mysuru. That is the reason BJP and JDS forged an alliance for the Lok Sabha polls," said a political analyst.

Siddaramaiah has been campaigning extensively in North Karnataka to garner AHINDA votes. In places like Kalaburagi, the Koli aka Kabbaliga community seems to be tilted towards Congress as their leaders, like Baburao Chinchansur, are back in the good books of AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge. Both Congress and BJP are holding Koli community rallies, in which they are likely to address the issue of ST tag for the community. Besides AHINDA votes, Congress also hopes that Veerashaiva-Lingayats too back party candidates who hail from the community. Congress has tactfully fielded candidates from subsects within the community that have sizable votes. For instance, Mrinal Hebbalkar and Samyukta Patil, who hail from Panchamasali subsect, are contesting from Belagavi and Bagalkot seats, respectively. Ananda Gaddadevaramutt, who is from the Jangama subsect, is contesting from Haveri. Former DCM Laxman Savadi, a Ganiga Lingayat, has campaigned aggressively in North Karnataka, including Kalaburagi, where Kharge's son-in-law Radhakrishna Doddamani is the Congress candidate.

POLL POSITION

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar and senior Congress leader RV Deshpande light a lamp, at an election campaign rally in Kumta, Uttara Kannada district, on Friday | EXPRESS

FACE-OFF

After winning four elections on the trot, BJP candidate and incumbent MP PC Gaddigoudar is seeking reelection for the fifth term from Bagalkot. He will take on Congress' Samyukta Patil, daughter of minister Shivanand Patil. While Gaddigoudar is banking on the Modi factor as well as the development works he has implemented, Samyukta feels her father's works and the guarantee schemes will help her sail through. Gaddigoudar and Samyukta spoke to **Ramu Patil and Firoz Rozindar**, respectively....

'People want BJP to return to power at Centre'

HOW is the response from people during campaigning?
The response during the campaigning is very good. Along with our party leaders and workers, I have met all voters in the constituency. Everyone is thinking about again making Narendra Modi the PM. Also, for many years, I have been honestly working for the overall development of the constituency and the region.

What are your major contributions to the development of the constituency?
Before I became MP, we did not have a Kendriya Vidhyalaya, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, passport office and court buildings. The Bagalkot-Kudachi Railway line was sanctioned many years ago and delayed due to the State Government giving compensation for the land. The work on providing compensation has been completed. We have received grants from the Centre and tenders have been called to complete the full line. Work is progressing well. Apart from that, the Gadag-Bagalkot Railway line doubling and electrification work is completed. Three to four railway stations have been upgraded. I have been working very honestly for the implementation of Central government schemes. The projects have reached people. They have taken note of the work done by me and the Centre. The BJP has a strong base in Bagalkot. With the cooperation of all leaders and workers in the district, I am fully confident of winning the elections.

You won four times and seeking reelection for the fifth term. How do you handle the anti-incumbency factor?
There is no anti-incumbency against me as I am always with the people. I have a good rapport with even smaller communities. People have a good opinion about me. I don't think there is any anti-incumbency factor.

Congress says people will support them in the elections as the State Government implemented five guarantee schemes. How do you respond?
People are very clear. The Congress may have come to power in the state, but people want the BJP to come back to power at the Centre again. They want Modi to again become the PM. The guarantee schemes were also not implemented effectively. Those schemes have not reached all people. Many people also feel that because of the guarantee schemes, development works in the state have come to a complete standstill. People feel that not even potholes on the roads are filled. People do not feel that they need to vote for the Congress party because of the guarantee schemes. People want to see Modi as PM again. They will 100% do it. They also have sympathy for me as I am always amidst the people.

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>
> PC Gaddigoudar

> **I am telling people how the Modi government has failed to fulfill its promises. I am also conveying to the people how the government in Karnataka is helping people through its five guarantees**
>
> Samyukta Patil

'People of Bagalkot want change, I am here for development'

WAS contesting the Lok Sabha polls from Bagalkot a planned idea, or the situation made you to contest?
It was not actually planned, but things turned out and we took the decision to contest. We got enormous support from Congress leaders, which made me contest.

You are contesting Lok Sabha polls for the first time, and that too against BJP's PC Gaddigoudar, a 4-time MP. Do you have any fear...
I don't have any fear or hesitation. When I decided to contest, I had my vision and agenda very clear. I wanted to work for the people of Bagalkot.

Veena Kashappanavar initially revolted after being denied a ticket. Is she now working for Congress?
She is working for Congress. She accompanied me while filing my nomination papers.

You were projected as an outsider in the beginning as you hail from Vijayapura...
To be honest, even BJP workers are not saying that now.

This shows how people have accepted me. I am getting enormous support from people. They are treating me like their daughter. I am not an outsider because I was born in the undivided Vijayapura district when Bagalkot was part of it. Besides, my father (minister Shivanand Patil) has cordial relations with the leaders of the district.

It is believed that your father's influence has worked in your favour...
Yes, his influence and connection with the people here have helped me in not only getting the ticket but also consolidating the votes. Since my father has worked as Bagalkot incharge minister, he has a good relationship with leaders here.

If a voter asks you why he or she should vote for you, what would be your reply?
Bagalkot has not seen expected development during incumbent MP PC Gaddigoudar's tenure. Important projects such as the Bagalkot-Kudachi railway line have been moving at a snail's pace for three decades. The district has not received any major projects. All that has happened because of lack of political will. I wish to give the district its due share in development.

Are you confined to Bagalkot's issue or also talking about national issues?
I am raising national issues because it is the polls to form the Union Government. I am vehemently telling how the Modi government has failed to fulfill its promises of generating employment, doubling farmers' income, checking inflation, etc. I am also conveying to the people how the government in Karnataka is helping people through its five guarantees. People have decided to change the government at the Centre and the MP in Bagalkot.

The days of the BJP are numbered as a wave of change is prevailing across the country from Kerala to Udhampur. Earlier, the BJP was speaking of crossing 400 seats but now has gone silent since it knows it is on a sticky wicket

Sachin Pilot, Congress leader

MALE 8,03,520 | FEMALE 8,15,292 | THIRD GENDER 1,019

TOTAL VOTERS: 16,18,864

An LS seat with more women voters than men

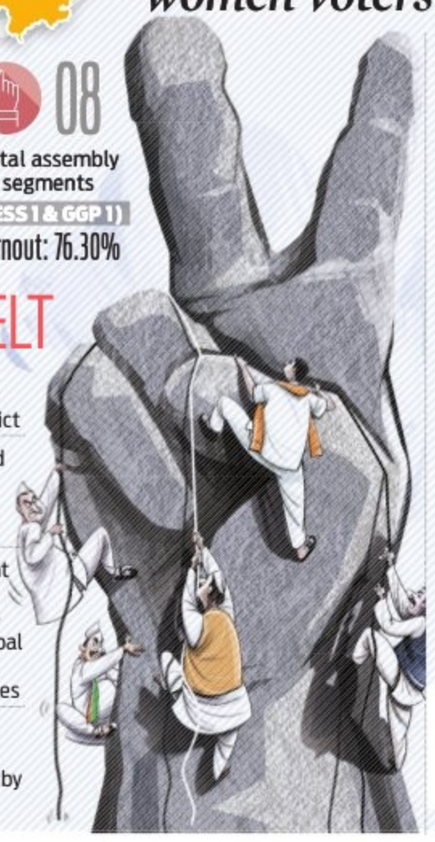
2,023 Polling Booths

08 Total assembly segments (BJP IN 6, CONGRESS 1 & GGP 1)

2019 Lok Sabha turnout: 76.30%

COAL BELT

- India's biggest coal and power producing district
- Mining-affected district in mineral-rich Chhattisgarh
- Over 60 per cent of Korba's GDP and one-in-five jobs are from coal mining and related industries
- One of the 'Aspirational Districts' listed by NITI Aayog



JYOTSNA CHARANDAS MAHANT (INC)

SAROJ PANDEY (BJP)

44% A SCHEDULE V AREA WITH TRIBAL POPULATION

In Chhattisgarh's power hub Korba, BJP's RS member is in a close contest with Congress' LS MP

HER STORY: IT'S A BHABI vs DIDI DUEL

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

KORBA Lok Sabha constituency is a keenly watched contest that evidently turned into a prestige battle for both the women candidates in the poll fray, BJP's Saroj Pandey (56), a Rajya Sabha member pitted against the sitting Congress MP Jyotsna Mahant (70).

The constituency, which came into existence in 2009 following delimitation, has turned high profile where Union home minister Amit Shah and Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi addressed poll rallies in the past three days.

The constituency perceptibly reverberates with the descriptive expression for both the key contestants as a fight between 'Bhabhi' (Jyotsna) and 'Didi' (Saroj).

So far, the three parliamentary elections held were won twice by the Congress in 2009 and 2019 while the BJP secured victory in 2014 polls.

Jyotsna is said to be banking on her clean image, simplicity, who first time contested elections in 2019 and won despite the Modi wave. However, the BJP has alleged that she has not just been found missing in her own constituency but also in Parliament. "Even I couldn't find her in the House (Lok Sabha). Where was she", was the remark by Amit Shah while speaking at the Katghora rally on May 1.

Jyotsna's reported failure not to give enough time in her area seemingly goes against her, the BJP believes. Her husband Charandas Mahant was a former Lok Sabha member from Korba, Assembly Speaker and presently leader of opposition campaigning to retain the seat for Congress.

The Congress aggressively countered the BJP citing their candidate as "outsider".

Saroj is seen as a dynamic BJP leader with a long political career—twice Durg city mayor, who won Lok Sabha polls in 2009.

In fact she created a record for holding elected positions of MP, MLA and Mayor at the same time in 2009 from Durg district.

As a resident of Durg, she cannot vote in Korba constituency. Saroj criticised Charandas Mahant for promoting 'parivarvad' (family first, dynast's mindset) like his party.

Among the local issues in Korba, also cited as power hub, figure environment pollution with fly-ash disposal, adequate compensation for land acquired, rehabilitating those displaced owing to mining, power or industrial projects, and creating scope of local employment.

Interestingly, women will play a key role in deciding the political future of candidates in the seat where of the 8 Assembly segments the female voters outnumbered men. The women in rural areas are 20% less literate compared to urban female population.

Of the eight Assembly constituencies, the BJP has won in six in the last 2023 November elections, while Congress and Gondwana Gantantra party (GGP) bagged one each. The Assembly results of the region offer much confidence to the BJP. In the 2018 Assembly polls, the Congress had won six seats, while the BJP in the remaining two.

Among the voters, the strength of Scheduled Tribes is the highest at 44.5%. The SC comprise 9.2%, Muslims 3.5% while the remaining are general and OBC category.

CODE OF CONDUCT

MP cop turns off 'Mama' mike, draws BJP MLA's flak

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

BJP MLA and former Mandhya Pradesh minister Surendra Patwa threatened a police officer for turning off former CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan's mike reportedly in line with the poll panel's model code of conduct during an election rally in Raisen district.

The incident happened on Thursday night in Bhojpur assembly segment of Vidisha Lok Sabha constituency from where Chouhan is the BJP candidate. A viral video of the incident has triggered a political controversy.

While Chouhan was addressing the rally in the industrial town Mandideep, police station in-charge Mahendra Singh Thakur reportedly turned off the CM's mike as the poll code suggests that the candidates should end their campaign by 10 pm.

The former CM was subsequently seen in the video questioning the cop's conduct. "How did you turn the mike off, it's not 10 pm yet, restore it, just remove him (concerned cop) from here," he said while looking at his watch.

MLA Patwa, who is the nephew of former CM Sunderlal Patwa, subsequently threatened the cop from the stage. "Come here, I'll get you thrown to such a place that it wouldn't be possible to return," Patwa was seen shouting at the cop in the video, before local BJP leaders and security personnel stopped him from going towards the police officer. The mike was later turned on and Chouhan continued his speech.

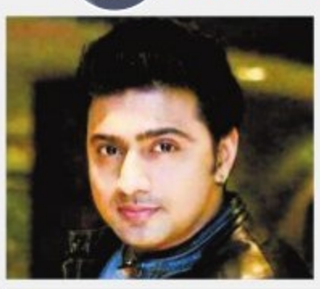
Posting the 28-second video on X on Friday, the Congress state unit wrote, "Look at the arrogance of BJP's former CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan, raising questions from the BJP platform on the implementation of the election code of conduct and Surendra Patwa misbehaving and threatening the police station in-charge Mahendra Singh Thakur. Shivraj Ji, this is the level of a former CM? Extremely indecent and condemnable act."

Vidisha LS seat, which Chouhan earlier won five times, goes to polls in the third phase on May 7.

ELECTION2024

Yechury flags glitches in voting figures

CPM general secretary Sitaram Yechury has written to Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar raising concerns over "delays and discrepancies" in the release of voting figures of the first two phases of Lok Sabha polls. The letter said it is surprising that the final figures for the percentage of voting in the first phase of polls were released after an "inordinate and unexplained" delay of 11 days, and four days in the second phase. He said there was a difference of around 6% in the initial and final voting percentage released.



Dev unhurt as copter catches fire

Actor and TMC's Ghatal MP Deepak Adhikari had a close shave on Friday when his helicopter caught fire soon after taking off from Malda helipad forcing the pilot to make an emergency landing, police said. Adhikari, popularly known as Dev, was in Malda to attend an election campaign for TMC's Malda (Uttar) candidate Prasun Banerjee. Dev was unharmed and later travelled by road to reach his subsequent destination in Raninagar for another election rally, officials said.

Man hurls shoes at Swami Prasad Maurya, arrested

A man hurled a shoe at national president of Rashtriya Shoshit Samaj Party Swami Prasad Maurya during a rally on Friday. The man, identified as Dharmendra Dhakrey, has been arrested, Dauki SHO Rampal Singh said. A spokesperson of the Akhil Bharat Hindu Mahasabha (ABHM) claimed that Dhakrey is associated with the organisation. Maurya in February left the Samajwadi Party and formed the Rashtriya Shoshit Samaj Party. The incident happened when Maurya was addressing a rally in support of the party candidate from Fatehpur Sikri in Dauki.

AMETHI MAN

Kishori Lal Sharma (second from left), Congress candidate from Uttar Pradesh's Amethi constituency, during a roadshow before filing his nomination on Friday | PTI

In Maha, Shah says Cong will stop development if voted to power

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> Amit Shah, Home Minister

On global economic ladder

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SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

UNION minister Amit Shah on Friday hit out at the INDIA bloc for its failure to put up a prime ministerial candidate in the Lok Sabha polls.

Shah was campaigning for the BJP candidates in Sangali and Ratnagiri-Sindhudurg constituencies.

He said several leaders were vying against each other for the PM's post. "INDIA bloc is planning to make each leader the PM from among the alliance partners, if they come to power. The PM's post is not a shop that anyone can represent by taking turns," Shah said.

Shah said under the Manmohan Singh reign, India was placed 11th on the global economic ladder, but under the Modi government, it surged at fifth. "Very soon, it will be at number three in the world. The country is witnessing big development works under Modi's leadership. If the Oppositions comes to power, the growth story of India will be halted again. People should not allow it at any cost. The country feels safe and secure under Modi's leadership," he said.

Amit Shah at Shri Mahalakshmi temple in Kolhapur, Maharashtra on Friday | PTI

Attacking Uddhav Thackeray, the BJP leader said that a "duplicate Shiv Sena" is afraid of taking the name of Veer Savarkar. "How can they be called the real Shiv Sena? He asked. He accused Uddhav Thackeray of indulging in vote bank politics. "Thackeray is looking for a different vote bank. He is not concerned about the country, its pride and safety, but is concerned for his vote bank only," he said.

"We facilitated the Ram temple construction, an issue pending for over 500 years. We have given 33 per cent reservations to women. Modi is only a good and viable alternative if we want to see a developed and progressive India," the home minister added.

Will remove 50% quota cap if elected, says Rahul in Pune

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Pune

CONGRESS leader Rahul Gandhi on Friday said if voted to power, an INDIA bloc government will scrap 50% quota cap and ensure reservation for Maratha, Dhangar and others.

He was addressing a rally in support of Lok Sabha candidate Ravindra Dhangekar in Pune. Gandhi said their poll manifesto clearly states that it will conduct the caste census, economic survey and survey of organisations.

"We will find out how many people in the media, corporate world, private hospitals, colleges and universities are from backward classes, SC and ST. Through our survey the people will know how many of them are in the system and their real participation. Our survey is a revolutionary step. The day the caste census takes place, the people of India will get to know the country's reality," he stated.

Gandhi said that PM Narendra Modi should promise to remove the 50% reservation cap but he never speaks about it. The BJP is adamant on destroying the Constitution and end the reservations but the bloc will resist it.

"In electoral bonds, the BJP has earned crores but the media is silent. Modi says he wants to clean the political donation system through electoral bonds, but BJP refuses to disclose the names of its donors, why?" he asked.

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> Rahul Gandhi

Quota row

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QUOTE CORNER

Congress has fielded Rahul Gandhi from Rae Bareli instead of Amethi as everyone in the party is afraid of defeat

Anurag Thakur, BJP leader

If the BJP withdraws, inflation will reduce and unemployment will reduce. There will be prosperity in people's homes

Akhilesh Yadav, SP president

Whoever spoke of development were sent behind the bars. Hemant Soren and Arvind Kejriwal are examples

Champai Soren, Jharkhand CM

Patwari's 'juice & sugar syrup' jibe lands MP Cong in soup

Clarification

Jitu Patwari clarified that his intention was not to hurt anyone's feelings and that his statement was being twisted and presented out of context. "Imarti Devi ji is my elder sister, and an elder sister is just like a mother... I express regret and apologise," he said.

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

A VIDEO of Madhya Pradesh Congress chief Jitu Patwari making an off-the-cuff remark in response to a question about Imarti Devi, a loyalist of BJP leader and Guna Lok Sabha candidate Jyotiraditya Scindia, went viral on Thursday night, landing him in soup.

In response to a query about Imarti urging voters to support Congress candidates in Gwalior-Chambal region, Patwari had said, *"Dekho aisa hai ab Imartiji ka ras khatam ho gaya, jo andar chaashni hoti hai, unke liye mai kuch baat nahi karoonga* (The juice in Imarti Devi is no longer there. I won't talk about the sugary syrup anymore)."

This set off a political slugfest in the state, with Patwari apologising for his deregatory remarks ahead of the third phase of Lok Sabha polls on May 7.

Patwari clarified that his intention was not to hurt anyone's feelings and that his statement was being twisted and presented out of context.

"Yesterday, I was questioned about an audio clip there. At that moment, my intention was only to avoid that question. The remark I made in that context is being twisted and presented out of context," he said in a clarification.

"Imarti Devi ji is my elder sister, and an elder sister is just like a mother. So, I will only say that my context was only to avoid the question...Still, if anyone's feelings have been hurt in any way, I express regret and apologise," Patwari added.

"There was no negativity in my mind, nor was my intention to make fun. The only intention was to avoid the question. I apologise, and my context was misunderstood," the Congress leader said.

Imarti Devi lodged a complaint against Patwari, leading to the Congress leader being booked under IPC section 509 (insulting the modesty of a woman) and the provision of the SC and ST Act, 2015, at Dabra police station in Gwalior. While condemning Patwari's statement, the BJP leader demanded that the Congress leadership sack him as the state Congress chief.

Dubbing Patwari's remarks as "anti-women" and "anti-Dalit," MP minister Krishna Gaur claimed that the state Congress chief's remarks "exposed what Congress and its leaders feel about women."

EDITORIAL

"Each of our lives is a Shakespearean drama raised to the thousandth degree" — Anna Akhmatova

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— Ramnath Goenka

BROADEN GST NET, CUT CESSES TO REDUCE TAX BURDEN

GOODS and services tax collection crossed the landmark of ₹2.1 lakh crore for the first time in April. Truth be told, April has always seen higher collections, thanks in part to year-end adjustments in tax assessments. But what sets apart the latest haul is that a part of the 12.4 percent increase over last year was led by a healthy growth in domestic sales, particularly from premium products and services including automobiles, consumer durables, hotels and restaurant services. Decisive action against fraudulent registrations, fake invoicing and stricter compliance norms also helped shore up the revenues. It's likely that the average monthly collection will be lower than ₹2 lakh crore in the coming months, but if the double-digit growth continues, then the 2024-25 budget targets will be comfortably outstripped like in 2023-24 and 2022-23.

While the headline number is heartwarming, one critical metric is flashing a sign of weakness. The GST-GDP ratio, which gauges tax revenue relative to the size of the economy, is yet to show a dramatic jump. From 5.7 percent in 2020-21 it rose to 7 percent in 2023-24, and has significant room for improvement. One of the reasons is the slow growth in consumption demand—2.4 percent and 3.5 percent in the second and third quarters of 2023-24—that was held back by fragile rural demand even when urban spend on high-end products attracting higher tax rates fared extremely well. This rise in consumption was notwithstanding cesses, which will likely end in 2026. GST reforms involving rate rationalisation and extension of product coverage are imperative to increase the GST-GDP ratio.

The consumption-based levy was supposed to be a much simpler tax and it's critical to speed up the process of rationalising the rate structure. Fears of a single-rate regime increasing household budgets at a time inflation remains sticky are not completely unfounded. So efforts should be made to adopt a three-tier rate structure and expand the tax base. Besides, the authorities should improve tax administration and tribunals should speed up litigation. Above all, the Centre must resist the urge to impose new cesses that not only increase the tax burden but also lower the outgo to states. On their part, the GST Council and states should consider bringing in more products into the fold including petroleum, electricity and alcohol, as it would help lower the tax incidence.

STUDY VACCINE, ASSURE PEOPLE ON ITS SAFETY

CONCERNS about the safety of Covid vaccines have returned with pharmaceutical giant AstraZeneca admitting that its vaccine, developed in collaboration with Oxford University, can have a rare but serious side effect. This has raised an alarm in India as it is the same vaccine, manufactured by Serum Institute of India and branded as Covishield, that was administered to a majority of the country's population; about 175 crore doses of the vaccine were administered. The side effect, called thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome (TTS) in medical literature, is characterised by blood clots and low platelet counts. The first cases of TTS came to light in the early months of vaccination in Europe.

In India, the Government Committee on Adverse Events Following Immunisation is said to have investigated 36 cases of TTS and confirmed 18 deaths in 2021, but it is not clear which vaccine they were linked to. Experts say the admission by AstraZeneca, though serious, need not cause panic as it's a rare side effect, rarer still among Asians and South Americans. Besides, they say the risk is high only during the early weeks after vaccination. A study found 8.1 TTS cases per million people vaccinated after the first dose, and 2.3 cases per million after the second dose. It also showed there was a geographical variation in the risk—from 17.6 per million in the Nordic countries to 0.2 per million in Asia.

A petition has now been filed in the Supreme Court, citing an apparent increase in deaths due to heart attack and sudden collapse after Covid, even among youngsters; the petitioners seek the constitution of an expert panel to study the risks involving the vaccine. Concerns about Covid vaccines are not new and can be traced back to their emergency approval waiving the traditional trial protocols. While the government acted with the aim of tackling an urgent health crisis, it now has the responsibility of addressing the consequences. All stakeholders involved in the development, distribution and monitoring of vaccines are answerable. While vaccination has saved lives and its benefits outweigh the risks, it's important to reassure people about the reliability of the vaccine that was administered to about 90 percent of the adult population. There must be a thorough study in the interest of ensuring accountability and public safety.

QUICK TAKE

BRING BACK THE LOOT

HISTORIANS say 'loot' was one of the earliest words the English borrowed from Hindi because East India Company officials were notorious for it. India, which has been clamouring to get back some of the priceless loot taken abroad, has been rebuffed because British law does not allow it. Now another colony, Ghana, may have shown a way. Ghanaian authorities recently unveiled royal artefacts that had been plundered by the British from the old Asante empire. They were loaned back in a deal inked between Asante descendants and British museums, with the option of keeping them for longer. We hope our culture and foreign ministries would explore the option.

The US-led plan to seize sovereign Russian assets and transfer them to Ukraine should worry the world. Such a precedent of coercive economic action may have wider implications

A TENUOUS LIFELINE FOR UKRAINE

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THE $61-billion assistance to Ukraine, approved recently by the US Congress, provided a much-needed (and much-delayed) lifeline to a country facing a crisis of manpower, equipment and ammunition. It overcame an increasing scepticism (reflecting the public mood in sections of American society) about whether the funds could achieve the objective of defeating Russia. Serious political analysts, who had hitherto expressed unshakeable faith in a Ukraine victory, were hinting at the need for a negotiated settlement. The influential commentator Ian Bremmer of the Eurasia Group—by no means a sympathiser of Russia—has predicted a partitioned Ukraine by end-2024.

In the event, the bill for aid to Ukraine got the requisite votes. Though it is often said that only a small group of MAGA (Make America Great Again) acolytes of former President Donald Trump are opposed to Ukraine aid, about half the Republican representatives opposed the measure. It raises doubts about the prospects of future American assistance to Ukraine, and therefore the question whether the Europeans can step up to fill the gap.

This arms injection will ensure an immediate strengthening of Ukrainian resistance that will prolong the war, while other strategies are explored, to weaken Russia before it comes to the negotiating table. A concerted challenge to Russia's hold on Crimea, and to its naval profile in the Black Sea, have been explicitly mentioned. The success of this and other strategies remain to be seen. Of importance to the Biden administration is that a setback in Ukraine does not happen before the ovember presidential elections.

Even as the American support has stuttered, European countries led by the UK, Baltic, Scandinavian and some Central European nations—with France now elbowing its way to the fore—advocate much stronger military and economic pressure to push Russia towards the strategic defeat that has been the West's stated objective since April 2022. They have announced grandiose plans for rapidly upgrading their military capacity to assist Ukraine. So far, Europe's economic assistance to Ukraine has somewhat plugged the gap caused by US delays, but its inability to meet the huge Ukrainian demand for equipment and ammunition remains a major concern.

Meanwhile, Ukraine continues its aggressive effort (backed by the US) to secure the broadest possible international support for the 10-point peace plan unveiled by President Zelenskyy in 2022. About half a dozen international meetings have been convened in various countries to promote this plan. They have been attended by representatives of about 80 countries (according to Ukraine), mostly at the level of officials. The most ambitious initiative is the proposed peace summit to be hosted by Switzerland in June. A major drive is underway to attract the largest possible attendance of heads of state and foreign ministers, and to get them to sign off on a communiqué which, Ukraine hopes, would demonstrate the "diplomatic isolation" of Russia. A number of countries outside the Western world have attended these meetings, but have so far declined to be party to statements condemning Russia or explicitly supporting the peace plan. It would be interesting to see how much the Swiss initiative can move the needle.

It may be noted that the peace plan is not a blueprint for a negotiated settlement. Among its principal elements are a Russian withdrawal from all Ukrainian territory (including Crimea, annexed in 2014); a special international tribunal to try Russian officials for war crimes; and reparations by Russia for the damage caused by the invasion to the Ukrainian economy. These are essentially the terms of a Russian surrender. Given the current ground situation, it is difficult to see how Russia can be compelled to accept them, unless the military situation changes dramatically and/or developments outside the battlefield turn the tide in Ukraine's favour.

One Ukraine-related piece of legislation would have implications beyond the current conflict. The Rebuilding Economic Prosperity and Opportunity for Ukrainians Act authorises the US President to confiscate sovereign Russian assets (Russia's foreign exchange reserves in dollars) and transfer them to Ukraine for its reconstruction. These reserves were frozen in February 2022.

The amount involved, about $6 billion, is relatively small, but the principle involved is substantive. The UK, with an estimated $30-35 billion of Russian central bank assets, seems more than willing to follow suit. There is pressure on Europeans to do likewise, with the roughly $300 billion of Russian reserves in their jurisdictions.

The proposal should be viewed with considerable concern in much of the developing world, which is bound to see it as yet another coercive tool in the hands of the economically powerful to use against weaker powers that may cross their interests.

The European Central Bank has opposed this idea, as also the milder one of using the revenues from these assets—Euro 2.5 to 3 billion annually. The ECB fears that such moves may cause countries to reconsider the proportion of their reserves to be held in Euros, thereby undermining the currency. As the strongest global reserve currency, the US dollar may not be much dented by this action. But the euro may yield further ground to the dollar as a reserve currency.

The EU will be under considerable pressure from the US and some European supporters of Ukraine to follow the US example. Recent experience has shown that the G7 and Europe have been willing to sacrifice some of their interests for the Ukrainian cause; this will be another test of this proposition.

The point here is not to quibble about 'punishing' Russia for its actions. It is about the wider repercussions of precedents set by coercive economic actions. They would reinforce the belief in the Global South that the 'rules-based order', a ubiquitous term in multilateral documents today, will continue to mean rules set by the powerful, for compliance by the weak.

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HOW TO GET BEJEWELLED BALLOTERS TO THE BOOTH

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REVERSE SWING

SOUTH Bengaluru, south Chennai, south Delhi, south Mumbai, south Kolkata. There is something special about the southern parts of Indian metros that makes the affluent stay there. Quite the contrast from the laggard Global South. The problem with what we might call India's Urban South is that they don't like lifestyle disruptions like voting at elections. We have seen that this year in the constituencies of Chennai South and Bengaluru South, both of which saw less than 55 percent voters showing up.

I am tempted to bet their Delhi, Kolkata and Mumbai counterparts may try to match them in low turnouts. Not even the talk of a never-proposed but much-disposed inheritance tax may shake them from their electoral slumber, unless you think out of the ballot box.

About 15 years ago, a friend listed in jest 10 reasons why Mumbai South's elite voters didn't show up to vote in 2009. Two reasons stood out: no valet parking, and they didn't want to stand in the same queue as their household help. You've got to say bye-bye to voting if you spot your *bai* out there.

In the best tradition of Indian-style innovation, I am thinking of ways to end such apathy. While at that, I am also intrigued by the tendency of Indians in general and the affluent in particular to splurge or lose money through various endeavours while hating the thing called tax.

It's not a condition peculiar only to India. The Beatles sang in their 1966 song, '*Taxman*': 'Now my advice for those who die (taxman) / Declare the pennies on your eyes (taxman) / Cause I'm the taxman / Yeah, I'm the taxman / And you're working for no one but me (taxman).'

Even before the Fab Four, Bollywood's Kishore Kumar sang in 1954: '*Kuchh* income tax *le jaata hai / Kuchh beewi udaati hai* (Some money is taken away by income tax / and some blown up by the wife).' Later, in 1970, when tax raids happened on film stars, he sang: '*Nagad naayan ke sab yaar / In sabke pichhe pad gaya* income tax / *Are bam-bam naache* Kishore Kumaram (Everybody is a friend of the god of bucks / The income tax is after their backs / and Kishore Kumar dances bam-bam).'

But then, tax and voting are different things for celebrities. These days movie stars vote in style. Queues are bent for them so they can do the celeb act: posing for cameras in designer shades with ink on their forefingers. For all we know, they might be imagining showing a middle finger to politicians, but what we see is what we think we get.

But stars and tycoons need to be treated with deference to make them part with cash. The poor can be made to part with cash through offerings made to astrologers and priests in exchange for the fulfilment of their wishes. The middle class can be had with get-rich-quick schemes in everything from unreliable chit-fund schemes to dud shares, and if they are techno-hip, through cyber frauds and crypto scams.

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Celebs turn up to vote these days with cameras in tow. But to reverse the broader voter apathy in India's posh Urban South, we might want to introduce Premium Voting Lounges. The elite can wait in air-conditioned comfort, not stand in queues with their helps. Selfies with EVMs can be arranged too at an extra cost

The truly rich won't fall for all this. Some of them got rich in the first place by partly or wholly trying some of the tricks mentioned above (occasionally described in boardrooms as 'strategy'). We need to reverse-swing this whole business with some designer *jugaad*. We need to take a leaf out of their books and charm them into doing unto the taxman what some of them do unto their clients and, sometimes, shareholders or bankers.

What I suggest to counter electoral apathy in the Urban South is a Premium Voting Lounge, much like those fancy corners in airports or plush hotels. You have to pay so that you don't have to stand in queues, certainly not with your helps. You have sofas in air-conditioned waiting areas. The electronic voting machines flash a welcome message after a welcome drink. And yes, you can pose for a selfie with your EVM and pay a service charge (GST extra). Valet parking, of course, is included.

There you have it. Farmhouse parties in Delhi and bashes in Malabar Hill will never be the same again. Page 3 smiles and Instagram videos will complete the picture. Bejewelled balloters will happily part with a lakh or two if they are told that voting is not an act of duty but a style statement.

I can imagine Ms Chopra in South Delhi doing a pre-election photoshoot as well. If she is complimented later about having lost weight, she might even reply: "You see, I have been exercising my franchise."

Diamond and platinum brands are well advised to sell this idea to the powers that be. Fingers are meant to hold expensive rocks, not just press an EVM button. An election symbol can now be transformed into a status symbol. If the Unique Identification Authority cooperates, designer Aadhaar cards with filter-fixed photos won't be a bad idea either, though immigration officials may object.

The wealthy are not fools who part easily with their money. They would rather pay for a holiday home they will never stay in, or do a 50-50 deal with a suitable deity than pay inheritance tax. The government is well advised to hire consultants of the premium variety to do something about this. Smart consultants don't come cheap.

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Sustainable practices

Ref: *Awareness key in fight against unusual heat* (May 3). Public awareness is critical in combating the unusual heat prevailing in Kerala. By educating the public about the importance of staying hydrated and seeking shade, communities can better adapt to the heat. Raising awareness about the link between unusual heat patterns and climate change can also mobilise support for sustainable practices.
Narayanan Kizhumundayur, Thrissur

Gender equality

Ref: *Lifting the women keeping Indian women from work* (May 3). The article shows the present status of gender equality. Faster economic growth depends on women's employment. When women are employed, their children can get a good education, so they will be in a position to improve.
V K S Krishnan, Kumbakonam

Empowering women

Empowering women in skilled jobs is a must. The divide between rural and urban women in technological skills must be minimised through rigorous training programmes. During work hours and training classes, there should be a day care centre. With proper government and family support, the hidden creativity, innovation and productive abilities of women will be brought out.
P Prema, Thanjavur

Controlled borrowing

Ref: *Why a state is suing the Union* (May 3). It is an absurd argument to say the Centre shouldn't interfere in Kerala's borrowing spree. It's pure common sense that some control over taking loans should always exist, especially in communist-ruled states.
Iswaryarajan M S, Madurai

NOTA note

The Congress advisory to the public to vote for NOTA (none of the above) option in Indore following the withdrawal of its candidate is ludicrous. This party is incapable of controlling their own candidate who rebelled. The party's vulnerability and disunity stand exposed. They should try to keep their own house in order before making suggestions to others.
Rajarao Kumar, Bengaluru

Whither Wayanad

Finally, the cat is out of the bag that Rahul Gandhi will contest from the family bastion, Rae Bareli. Of course, this was the alternative for the family, as Priyanka Gandhi expressed her reluctance to contest. Since Rahul had expressed unwillingness to leave the Wayanad voters, what will be the fate of Rae Bareli, where he is sure to win?
N Viswanathan, Coimbatore

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POSTS OF THE DAY

P. Chidambaram @PChidambaram_IN
It seems that the Hon'ble Prime Minister had done a lot of research on 'inheritance tax' that was abolished by a Congress government in 1985

Pawan Khera @Pawankhera
A smarter political move has not been seen in recent times. A hundred Modis can't match the political deftness of the Gandhis.

Sitaram Yechury @SitaramYechury
There are unmistakable signs of panic in the tone & tenor of Modi's campaigning. Gone are the grandiose claims and propaganda spin of his decade long PMship

Koregaon case: Ex-DU prof withdraws bail plea

Hany Babu had moved the Supreme Court after the Bombay High Court rejected his bail plea in September 2023

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY
@New Delhi

FORMER Delhi University Professor Hany Babu, an accused in the 2018 Bhima Koregaon violence case, on Friday withdrew his bail plea from the Supreme Court citing a change in circumstances in the case.

The court took this into record and allowed his plea. Babu's lawyer told a two-judge bench of Justices Bela M Trivedi and Pankaj Mithal that he would move the High Court afresh seeking a bail in the case.

Prof Babu had moved the apex court by filing an appeal, after the Bombay High Court rejected his plea in September 2023. The HC had rejected Babu's bail, after the NIA claimed that he is a member of the banned Communist Party of India (Maoist).

"The appellant (Babu) is not just a passive member but an active member and the material on record clearly shows his involvement in the larger conspiracy."

It went on to say that the "appellant is not merely a sympathiser with the organisation but is given substantial responsibility, including conducting activities of the Revolutionary Democratic Front, a frontal organisation of the CPI (Maoist)."

Meanwhile, in its order in January, the top court had granted the NIA two more weeks' time to reply to the bail plea filed by Prof Babu, "who is accused of waging war and attempting to wage war against the Government of India" amongst other charges.

He claimed in the High Court that the letters cited by NIA to implicate him in the case did not incriminate him.

The NIA, in its charge sheet had claimed that a letter found on Babu's computer mentioned a conspiracy against the Prime Minister.

Babu, however, denied it and said that the letter was not written by him or addressed to him. It did not mention any role by him in the alleged conspiracy.

He claimed that he has been in jail for the past four years and that there was no immediate prospect of the trial commencing in the matter.

ALSO IN TOP COURT

Plea on 'namesake' candidates in polls

The Supreme Court refused to entertain a plea that sought a direction to the EC to take urgent steps for an effective mechanism to solve the issue of "namesake" candidates contesting polls. After the SC bench showed disinclination to entertain the plea, the petitioner's counsel sought permission to withdraw it.

SC fixes date for UP conversion cases

The Supreme Court fixed date for final hearing petitions seeking the quashing or clubbing of five FIRs lodged against Rajendra Bihari Lal, the vice-chancellor of the Sam Higginbottom University of Agriculture, Technology and Sciences in UP, and others pertaining to alleged illegal religious conversions.

'Trivial issues should not ruin marriages'

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Friday quashed a dowry-harassment case filed by a woman against her husband, while underscoring the need of tolerance, proportionality and adjustment which were the key factors for a successful marriage. A bench of Justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra said, "Tolerance, adjustment and respect are the foundation of a sound marriage and petty quibbles and trifling differences are mundane matters that should not be blown out of proportion to destroy what is said to have been made in the heaven."

Its observation came in a verdict that set aside a Punjab and Haryana HC order, which dismissed a husband's plea seeking the quashing of a criminal case lodged against him. The court also observed that the parents and close relatives of a married woman make a mountain out of a mole and instead of salvaging the situation and saving the marriage, their action brings about complete destruction of the marital bonds on trivial issues. Urging the couples to avoid exaggerating minor issues, the apex court pointed out that the main sufferers in matrimonial disputes are children.

"The spouses fight with such venom in their heart that they do not think even for a second that if the marriage would come to an end, what will be the effect on their children," it stated. Coming to the rescue of the man, the court remarked that the police machinery should be resorted to as a measure of last resort in matrimonial disputes. It cannot be utilised for holding the husband at ransom.

HC rejects Soren's plea against ED arrest in land case

MUKESH RANJAN @Ranchi

JHARKHAND High Court on Friday dismissed CM **Hemant Soren**'s petition challenging his arrest by the Enforcement Directorate in a money laundering case linked to a land scam. A two-bench judge comprising Chief Justice S Chandrashekhar and Justice Navneet Kumar had kept its order reserved on February 28 after hearing the arguments of both sides.

It was argued on behalf of Soren that the case in which he has been arrested was not a scheduled offence and there was no case of money laundering against him. His lawyer said Soren's name was not even mentioned in the documents related to the land of Bagdai and claimed that his name was dragged deliberately.

The ED argued that then CM Soren had tried to destroy evidence by misusing his position after summonses were issued against him.

Soren also moved the SC against the delay in giving the verdict after the HC reserved its orders on February 28.

Meanwhile, the High Court on Friday denied the petition filed by Soren seeking provisional bail for attending 'shraddha' ritual of his uncle who passed away last Saturday. The court, however, allowed Soren to attend the last rites of his uncle for a few hours on May 6 under police custody. Soren will not talk to the media nor hold any political discussion, the HC said.

India, Indonesia resolve to scale up defence ties, review initiatives at meet

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

INDIA and Indonesia on Friday vowed to expand overall bilateral defence ties, especially in areas of maritime security and industrial engagement for production of military equipment. Various aspects of defence and strategic relations between the two countries figured at the seventh India-Indonesia Joint Defence Cooperation Committee (JDCC) meeting that took place in Delhi.

The meeting was co-chaired by Defence Secretary **Giridhar Aramane** and secretary general of the Indonesia ministry of defence, Air Marshal Donny Ermawan Taufanto.

"The progress made on various bilateral defence cooperation initiatives deliberated in meetings of Working Groups on Defence Cooperation and Defence Industries Cooperation was also reviewed by the co-chairs," the MoD said.

"The dignitaries identified means to enhance existing areas of collaboration especially in the field of defence industry ties, maritime security and multilateral cooperation," it said. It was the 7th JDCC meeting during which "both sides expressed satisfaction at the expanding scope of defence cooperation between the two countries." During the visit, the Secretary General visited the DRDO headquarters in New Delhi as well as TATA Advanced Systems and L&T Defence facilities in Pune.

He also held deliberations with other Indian defence industry partners like Bharat Forge and discussed ways to enhance defence industrial capabilities in research and joint production. He also called on the Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan. The secretary general paid homage to the fallen heroes at the National War Memorial, New Delhi.

The relationship broadened with the May 2018 India and Indonesia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. Indonesia is an important partner in India's Act East Policy and the Indo-Pacific region.

If re-elected, PM to be off to Italy for G-7 meet, Switzerland

YESHI SELI @New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi, if re-elected, is likely to embark on his first overseas trip within days of his swearing-in – to Italy and Switzerland. The Lok Sabha elections results will be out on June 4, and if PM Modi is re-elected, he would take his oath as PM within a week, following which he could embark on these trips.

PM Modi received a personal invitation from his Italian counterpart, Giorgia Meloni over the phone last week to attend the G7 Summit in Italy. PM Modi thanked PM Meloni for the invite and also greeted the people of Italy on their 79th anniversary of Liberation Day. The G7 Summit is likely to be from June 13 to 15.

"Thanked her for the invite to the G7 Summit in June. Discussed taking forward the G20 India outcomes at the G7. Reaffirmed the commitment to deepening our strategic partnership," said PM Modi after speaking to PM Meloni. The G7 Summit will be held in Borgo Egnazia in Apulia.

Meanwhile, PM Modi also received a formal invite to attend the 'Summit of Peace in Ukraine' in Burgenstock, Switzerland. The Summit takes place between June 15 and 16.

"The aim of the meeting is for heads of state and government to meet and develop a common understanding of a path of peace towards a just and lasting peace in Ukraine. This should be the basis for a peace process," said Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland.

PM Modi held talks with Italian counterpart, Giorgia Meloni, during G-20 meet

India has always supported the peace formula for the Russia-Ukraine conflict, and Prime Minister Modi's phrase "this is no era for war" and an emphasis on working out a peace process through dialogue and diplomacy has been quoted by many leaders.

Meanwhile, even though there is no official confirmation about PM attending both or either of the events, the chances of his attending them are high. "We announce the confirmation of the PM's participation closer to the date," MEA said. Italy, which heads the G7 rotating presidency this year, currently plans to turn off its coal-power plants by 2025, except on island of Sardinia where the deadline is 2028.

At the G7 meeting this weekend Rome wants to persuade its partners -- the United States, Britain, France, Germany, Canada and Japan -- to set a common target date for the end of coal, sources said. Rome is ready to bring forward its own deadline if it should be necessary to broker an agreement, the sources added.

The seven G7 countries are Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the UK, and the US. Represented jointly by the President of the European Council and the President of the European Commission, the EU participates in all discussions as a guest.

Iran releases all crew, including 16 Indians, onboard Portuguese ship

YESHI SELI & AGENCIES @New Delhi

IRAN has said it released all the crew members of Portuguese-flagged cargo vessel MSC Aries that had 17 Indians among its 25 crews.

Iranian Foreign Minister Amir Abdollahian mentioned the release of the crew of the ship during a phone conversation with his Estonian counterpart Margus Tsahkna on Friday, according to an Iranian readout.

Ann Tessa Joseph, the sole woman cadet among the 17 Indian crew members of the Israeli-linked container vessel was released days after the tanker was seized by Iran's military on April 13.

"In response to the request of the Estonian side regarding the Portuguese ship seized in the territorial waters of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the release of the Estonian crew, Amirabdollahian said the ship, which turned off its radar in the territorial waters of Iran and endangered the security of navigation, is detained under judicial rules," the Iranian foreign ministry said.

5K Indians await return

Sources said that Israel is keen that India relaxed its travel advisory as nearly 6,000 Indian workers are waiting to travel to Israel. Similarly, nearly 5,000 Indians are awaiting return from Iran. About the ongoing travel advisory India issued for Iran and Israel sometime back, India has advised its citizens to travel with caution.

Iranian foreign minister Hossein Amirabdollahain in conversation with his Portuguese counterpart a few days back said that the sailors would be released soon on humanitarian basis. The ship (MSC Aries) had a Portuguese flag and is owned by an Israeli.

"We have been able to establish contact with all these 16 sailors. They are in good health, we had consular access. As far as their return to India is concerned, it is dependent on several factors, including their contractual obligations. We are in touch with them and also the Iranian authorities for their release," said MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal.

Death toll in Uttarakhand forest fire rises to three, situation remains grim

NARENDRA SETHI @Dehradun

THREE of the five people seriously injured in a fire in Syunrakot Van Panchayat area of Almora in Uttarakhand's Kumaon region have succumbed to burn injuries, even as the state grapples with wildfires.

Two people lost their lives in a forest fire on Thursday, and a woman who suffered burn injuries succumbed to her injuries while undergoing treatment at Sushila Tiwari Forest Hospital in Haldwani on Friday.

It is worth mentioning that a group of Nepali labourers were involved in extracting resin from the forest in the Syunrakot forest area. Their wives were also assisting them in this endeavour. Late on Thursday evening, the Forest Department received reports that two Nepali labourers and their wives had been unexpectedly caught in a blaze in the forest. Tragically, two of the labourers lost their lives while bravely fighting the fierce fire, which had taken a devastating turn, and their wives sustained serious burns in the process.

All the burnt workers were admitted for treatment at the base campus of Almora Medical College, where a labourer who was badly burnt was declared dead by the doctors. At the same time, the other was referred to Sushila Tiwari hospital in Haldwani, where he succumbed to his burns later.

The Chief Medical Superintendent of the Base Hospital, Dr. Ashok Kumar, told, "Four individuals were admitted with severe burns resulting from the fire incident. Deepak Bahadur had already passed away upon arrival. The remaining victims had sustained over 90 per cent burns and were provided with initial medical assistance before being transferred to Haldwani for further treatment".

"Another resin oil extracting worker named Gyanesh also succumbed to his injuries during the course of treatment", Dr. Kumar said, adding, "Tara and Pooja were transferred to the Sushila Tiwari hospital in Haldwani following initial medical intervention". Recent updates from hospital sources confirmed that Tara has also succumbed to her injuries.

Divisional Forest Officer Deepak Kumar said, "Conversations have taken place with the District Magistrate concerning this issue."

Indians continue to take upskilling route for jobs

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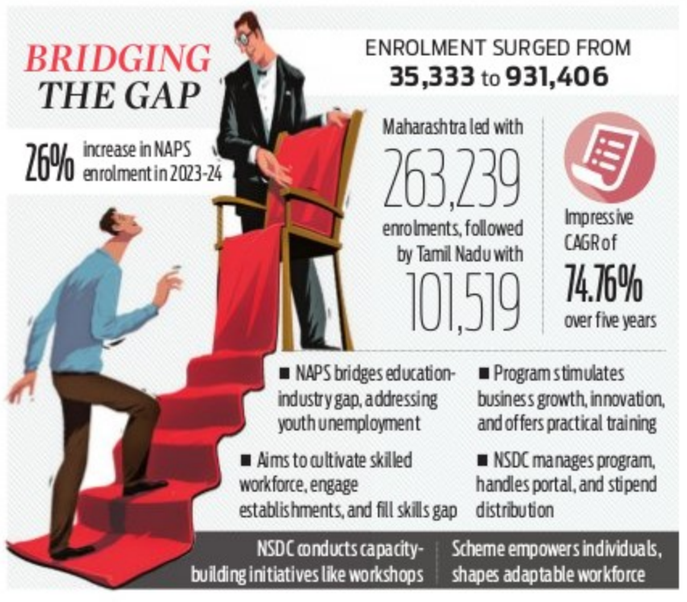
MORE and more Indians are arming themselves with skilling and up skilling courses under the National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme to secure better jobs, with the program witnessing a 26 percent jump in enrollment in 2023-24 compared to the previous year, officials said Friday.

The scheme, launched in 2016, saw an enrollment of 35,333 people in 2018-19. In 2023-24, the figure reached 931,406. In 2022-23, the total number of apprentices registered was 738,704. Maharashtra registered the maximum number of enrolments in the scheme. The state saw an impressive enrolment of 263,239, followed by Tamil Nadu with 101,519.

The other states include Gujarat (83,611), Karnataka (78,497), and Uttar Pradesh (71,378). "This staggering increase represents a significant Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of 74.76% over the five years," the officials added.

Officials said the enrolment of apprentices has witnessed remarkable growth over the past few years. "This ambitious initiative has emerged as a game-changer, as it helped bridge the gap between formal education and industry demands while addressing the pressing issues of youth unemployment and underemployment," the officials added.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Aims to cultivate skilled workforce, engage establishments, and fill skills gap
NSDC manages program, handles portal, and stipend distribution
NSDC conducts capacity-building initiatives like workshops
Scheme empowers individuals, shapes adaptable workforce

The program has helped foster business growth and innovation while providing valuable on-the-job practical training and opportunities for aspiring professionals, they said.

"This relationship is driving inclusive economic development, empowering individuals from diverse backgrounds, and nurturing personal and professional growth across sectors," the official added. Apprentices not only receive training to enhance their capacity but are also offered stipend support.

The scheme's objectives include fostering a skilled workforce, facilitating up skilling opportunities, and encouraging apprenticeship enrolment in small enterprises and underserved regions, thus contributing to inclusive economic development and effectively addressing the skills gap in the country. The National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), which manages the program, also oversees the operation of the apprenticeship portal, serving as a platform for facilitating the enrolment process. NSDC was set up as part of a national skill development mission in the country.

NSDC is also responsible for disbursing partial stipend support to apprentices, both for designated and optional trades, through the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mechanism.

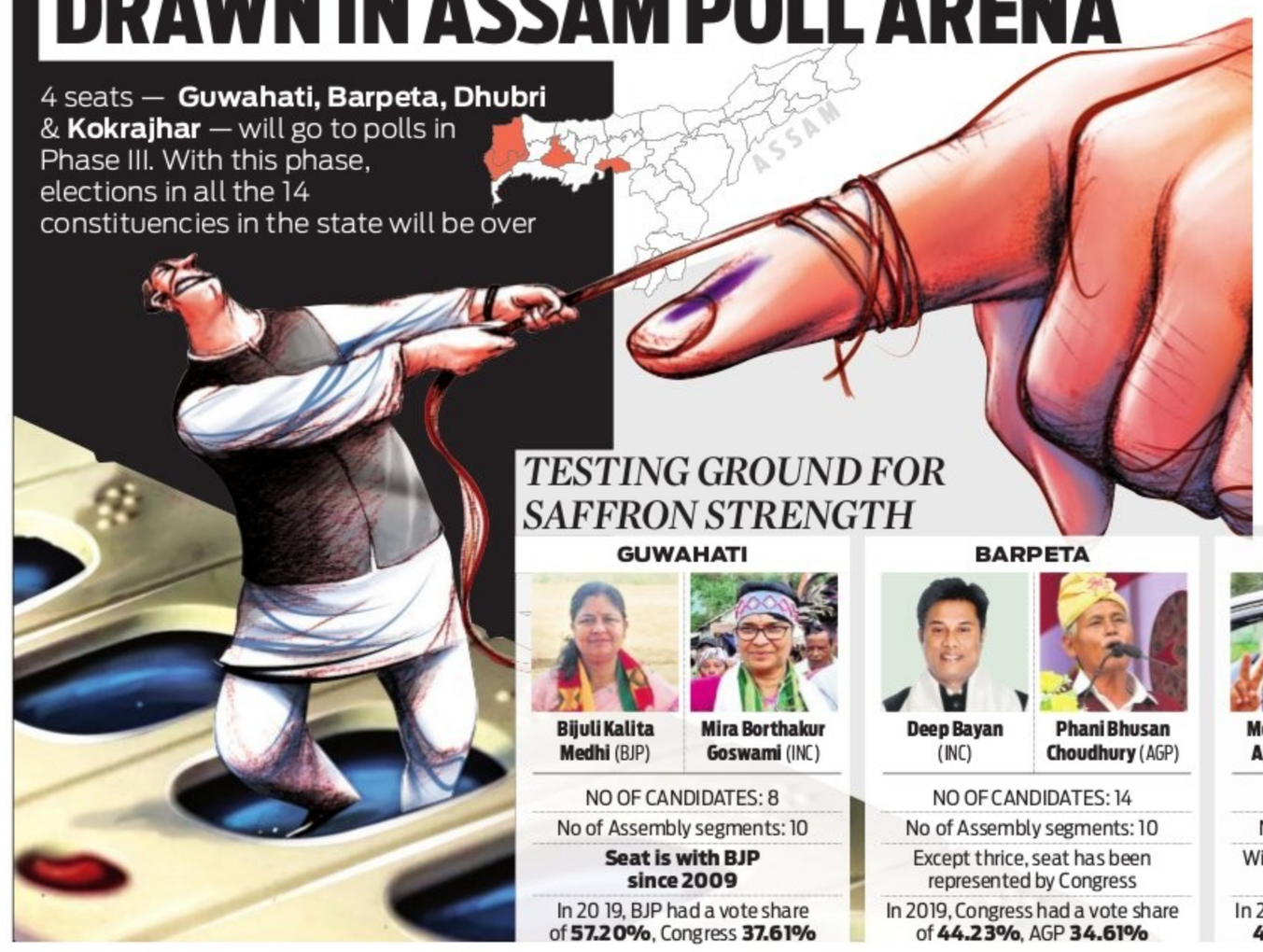
It also undertakes capacity-building initiatives for stakeholders involved in the apprenticeship program, including organizing awareness campaigns, trade fairs (melas), workshops, seminars, and other events aimed at promoting the program and engaging with various participants.

Officials added that by fostering inclusive skill development and creating employment opportunities, this scheme is not only empowering individuals but also shaping a workforce that is future-ready and adaptable to the ever-evolving demands of the industry.

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	41	25	Mumbai	35	28
Bhopal	41	26	Panaji	27	14
Jaipur	40	26	Patna	41	23
Amritsar	37	23	Lucknow	40	24
Chennai	36	31	Port Blair	34	28
Kolkata	37	28	Imphal	31	17
Srinagar	20	07	Chandigarh	39	22

BATTLELINES
DRAWN IN ASSAM POLL ARENA

4 seats — **Guwahati, Barpeta, Dhubri & Kokrajhar** — will go to polls in Phase III. With this phase, elections in all the 14 constituencies in the state will be over



TESTING GROUND FOR SAFFRON STRENGTH

GUWAHATI

Bijuli Kalita Medhi (BJP) | **Mira Borthakur Goswami** (INC)

NO OF CANDIDATES: 8
No of Assembly segments: 10
Seat is with BJP since 2009
In 20 19, BJP had a vote share of **57.20%**, Congress **37.61%**

BARPETA

Deep Bayan (INC) | **Phani Bhusan Choudhury** (AGP)

NO OF CANDIDATES: 14
No of Assembly segments: 10
Except thrice, seat has been represented by Congress
In 2019, Congress had a vote share of **44.23%**, AGP **34.61%**

DHUBRI

Md Badruddin Ajmal (AIUDF) | **Rakibul Hussain** (INC)

NO OF CANDIDATES: 13
No of Assembly segments: 11
With Congress for longest period (1971-2009)
In 2019, AIUDF had a vote share of **43.26%**, Congress **26.49%**

KOKRAJHAR

Kampa Borgoyari (BPF) | **Joyanta Basumatary** (UPPL)

NO OF CANDIDATES: 12
No of Assembly segments: 9
With Ind from 1977-2009
In 2019, Naba Kumar Sarania (independent) had a vote share of **32.75%**, BPF 3**0.20%**

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @Guwahati

THE stakes will be high for the BJP and its allies when Assam goes to the third and final phase of parliamentary elections on May 7. The polls will be held in the four seats of Guwahati, Barpeta, Kokrajhar and Dhubri. Currently, Guwahati is with the BJP, Barpeta with the Congress, Kokrajhar with an independent and Dhubri with the minority-based All India United Democratic Front (AIUDF).

The BJP is contesting in Guwahati, Its ally Asom Gana Parishad in Dhubri and Barpeta while another ally United People's Party Liberal is contesting in Kokrajhar. The battle is expected to be tough in Guwahati and Dhubri. In Guwahati, two women – Bijuli Kalita Medhi of the BJP and Mira Borthakur Goswami of Congress are in the fray.

Goswami is a firebrand leader who was with the BJP until being expelled in 2018. Ever since, she has been a strong critic of the saffron party. Medhi is relatively lesser known among voters, but she has the advantage of being the ruling party candidate.

Both have stepped up their campaigns. Goswami believes people will reject the BJP for failing to keep its promises. "I am pretty sure people are with the Congress. The BJP made a series of promises it failed to fulfil," she said.

Medhi said, "I believe people would continue to keep their faith and trust in the BJP and not allow the BJP's development momentum to be disrupted."

So far, three women have represented Guwahati in the Lok Sabha. The first to be elected was Renuka Devi Barkakati of the Janata Party in 1977. The BJP's Bijoya Chakravarty was elected in 1999. The third is sitting MP Queen Oja, of BJP.

Dhubri, which is a Muslim-majority seat on the Bangladesh border, braces for a contest between AIUDF chief Maulana Badruddin Ajmal, who is the three-time sitting MP, and former Congress minister Rakibul Hussain. Victory will determine the future of both the AIUDF and Congress.

The AIUDF is influential in the migrant Muslim areas but its popularity has somewhat waned in recent years following the perception that Ajmal, who is a perfume baron, is running the party as a business enterprise. If he wins, it will keep the AIUDF in good stead in the 2026 Assembly elections.

The Congress had been influential in Dhubri and the adjoining Goalpara and Barpeta districts for decades. It slowly lost the space to AIUDF when it emerged as a powerhouse. If Hussain, an MLA from central Assam's Nagaon district, wins, it could well be the first step for the Congress towards regaining the ground in lower Assam.

Barpeta also has a sizeable migrant Muslim population but the AGP is expected to win the seat comfortably. The party fielded former minister Phani Bhushan Choudhury. He has a distinct record of representing the Bongaigaon seat in the Assembly for eight straight terms since 1985.

Choudhury will be up against Congress' Deep Bayan. Sitting MP Abdul Khaleque of the Congress was denied the ticket by the party. Barpeta underwent massive demographic changes following delimitation last year. Many Muslim-dominated Assembly segments were sliced off while Hindu-dominated constituencies were added.

Observers say Choudhury's victory is a forgone conclusion considering the likely distribution of anti-NDA votes among the Congress, the CPM and the Trinamool Congress.

A straight contest is expected between the UPPL and the Bodoland People's Front in the Kokrajhar seat, which is reserved for Scheduled Tribes. The UPPL's Joyanta Basumatary and the BPF's Kampa Borgoyari are pitted against each other.

HC VERDICT

PM says BJP to set up cell to help teachers who lost jobs

SULAGNA SENGUPTA @Kolkata

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi has instructed the West Bengal BJP unit to establish a separate legal cell to aid "genuine teachers and candidates" who lost their jobs due to the School Service Commission (SSC) scam. Speaking at an election rally in Burdwan-Durgapur on Friday, Modi emphasised his desire for those implicated in corruption by the TMC to face consequences while ensuring the innocent are not unjustly affected.

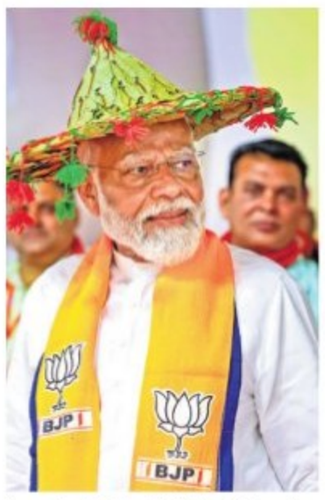
"The corruption that the TMC has perpetrated in Bengal's school recruitment is shameful. Due to this scam, several genuine candidates have suffered. I have asked the Bengal BJP unit, on behalf of the party, to establish a separate legal cell and social media platform to provide assistance to the genuine candidates and teachers," he said.

Modi reiterated BJP's commitment to supporting honest candidates by providing legal assistance and fighting for their rights. His comments followed a Supreme Court ruling questioning the possibility of distinguishing between legal and illegal appointments.

Modi's remarks drew sharp criticism from Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, who accused him of trying to portray himself as a saviour after causing job losses. Banerjee asserted that they would support all affected candidates and address their concerns regarding the legality of appointments.

"As the election is ongoing, Modi is merely attempting to garner support from the people by claiming that he will assist genuine SSC candidates. Where was he when the Calcutta High Court issued the order? We have stated that we will assist all candidates and examine their issues in due course, whether the appointments are legal or illegal," added Banerjee.

Shortly after Modi's statement, the SSC chairman held a press conference, stating their intention to assess the validity of appointments. The Calcutta High Court had earlier declared the 2016 SSC recruitment null and void, leading to the loss of approximately 26,000 jobs.



Narendra Modi in West Singhbhum | PTI

'Won't allow loot of quota'

Blowing the poll bugle in Jharkhand, PM Narendra Modi on Friday told the Opposition alliance that they will not be allowed to tamper with the Constitution as long as he is alive. At his first poll rally in Chaibasa, Modi said the opposition parties cannot snatch away the reservations of SC/SC/Dalit or OBC in his lifetime.

WEST BENGAL

Guv has no right to talk about safety of women: Mamata

SULAGNA SENGUPTA @Kolkata

A DAY after a female employee posted at the West Bengal Raj Bhavan accused Governor CV Ananda Bose of molesting her, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee Friday said her "heart bleeds for the victim and that the Governor had no right to talk about women's safety.

Addressing an election rally in Purba Bardhaman, the Chief Minister said that before speaking on the Sandeshkhali sexual abuse allegations, the BJP should explain the Governor's conduct.

She also wondered why "Prime Minister Modi who came to Raj Bhawan last night didn't speak a word on the issue."

"The woman cried and walked out saying she was too scared to work at Raj Bhavan anymore. She said that she was called at odd hours and was subjected to harassment. And these are the people who talk about the dignity of our mothers and sisters?" the Chief Minister said.

Banerjee also commented on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's assurances of help to "honest candidates" who lost their jobs in the SSC (Staff Selection Commission) teachers scam case, saying that it was the BJP that had taken away the jobs.

On May 2, a woman employee at the Raj Bhavan lodged a police complaint accusing Governor Bose of sexual harassment. This occurred hours before Modi was due to visit Raj Bhavan. As the issue blew up, Bose responded by saying the "truth will triumph," and that he would not be "cowed by engineered narratives".

"Now I have information which is very important....that a more sinister plot has been hatched in the Raj Bhavan. We know the characters responsible for this. Beware," Bose said on Friday.

The Governor said that he would not be surprised if he was blamed for the Bengal famine or the infamous Great Calcutta Killings of 1946.

"That is the nature of political forces working in the state," Bose further added.

Mamata Banerjee in Bardhaman | PTI

Poll panel under fire

The Election Commission faced the ire of the Bengal CM for transferring around 1,500 police officers to other states for poll duties, without reciprocal assistance. "No personnel from other states have come to Bengal. The EC sent only Central forces. Strangely, no state police sent elsewhere were allowed to cast postal ballots," she said.

ELECTION2024

Adhir's clip on BJP fake: Police

West Bengal Police on Friday said a video clip purportedly showing Congress' West Bengal president Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury urging people to "vote for the BJP" was manipulated. In this connection, a separate case has been lodged at Jangipur police station which includes relevant sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) such as 499/500 (criminal defamation) and Section 66D of the Information Technology (IT) Act 2000, a police officer said.

Naseem Khan meets Chennithala in Pune

Senior Congress leader Naseem Khan, who quit as a member of the party's campaign committee to protest against the Maha Vikas Aghadi not fielding any minority community candidate in Mumbai, on Friday said Rahul Gandhi was fighting a battle of justice to all. Khan was on Friday called to Pune by All India Congress Committee (AICC) in-charge of the state Ramesh Chennithala for talks. Khan said he had a two-hour discussion with party leaders.

SHS(UBT) rebel to fight from Nashik

In a setback for Shiv Sena (UBT), its district chief Vijay Karanjkar on Friday filed nomination as an independent candidate for the Nashik seat in north Maharashtra. Friday was the last day of filing nominations. Karanjkar was disgruntled after the party fielded Parag Waje from the seat. Thackeray had reportedly called him for sorting out the issue, but Karanjkar did not meet him. The Shiv Sena led by Eknath Shinde has renominated sitting MP Hemant Godse.

GUJARAT

People want change in govt at Centre: Kharge

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @Ahmedabad

CONGRESS president Mallikarjun Kharge claimed on Friday that people want a change of government at the Centre. "Wherever I travelled I noticed that people are interested in bringing about a change in government," Kharge told reporters here during a campaign tour.

"Present government has failed in all aspects, it failed to control inflation and generate employment. That is the reason that the BJP is not talking about what it has delivered in the last 10 years, but talks more about other issues," the Congress chief said.

"It (government) has failed to uplift people from poverty, it has no policy to address poverty. In the last 10 years, it has not launched a single programme that helps the youth in getting employment," he claimed.

Attacking Prime Minister Narendra Modi, he said, "Modi has never worked to uplift poor people. Gandhiji always thought of the poor and worked for them."

Reacting to Modi's allegation about the Congress connection with Pakistan, Kharge said, "We are not the one who will visit Pakistan without an invitation, nor bring any gift from Pakistan. Those who can sacrifice their lives for the nation are associated with the party."

He alleged that during the Modi rule, the government has changed labour laws many times because of which labourers are facing harassment. "If Congress comes to power, it will bring changes in all these laws," he said.

Omar Abdullah a lakhpati with no house, land, car

FAYAZ WANI @Srinagar

FORMER Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister and National Conference vice-president Omar Abdullah, who is contesting Lok Sabha polls from Baramulla parliamentary seat in north Kashmir, is a lakhpati (millionaire) but has no house, land, cars or any other immovable assets of his own.

His only source of income is the pension he receives as an ex-MLA and former Member of Parliament.

In the poll affidavit, Omar, who served as Jammu & Kashmir chief minister from 2009-14, has movable assets worth ₹54.45 lakh. He has got ₹95,000 in cash, ₹19,16,000 in FD in HDFC Bank, ₹21,373 deposits in SBI Delhi, ₹2,20,930 deposits in HDFC Srinagar and ₹1,91,745 deposits in J&K Bank.

Omar, who is fighting a divorce case with his wife, has got jewellery worth ₹30 lakh.

Surprisingly, Omar has got zero immovable assets. He neither owns a residential house nor has agriculture or non-agriculture land. He also has got no investments in land and no commercial building and neither owns a car.

As per his poll affidavit, Omar's source of income is his pension as ex-J&K legislator and ex-MP. A BSC graduate from Sydenham College of Commerce and Economics Mumbai, Omar in the poll affidavit, has disclosed that he is separated from his wife with divorce proceedings pending before the Supreme Court.

According to the affidavit, his income was ₹7,92,093 in 2019-20, ₹11,73,030 in 2020-21, ₹10,00,570 in 2021-22, ₹19,39,620 in 2022-23 and ₹13,20,460 in 2023-24.

Omar is pitted against Sajad Gani Lone of the Peoples Conference and PDP's Fayaz Mir in a triangular contest from the Baramulla seat.

The main contest for the seat is between Omar Abdullah and Sajjad Lone, who have the backing of the Apni Party.

In first Parliamentary polls in Jammu & Kashmir after the abrogation of Article 370, Omar has taken a brave decision of stepping out of his comfort zone of Srinagar seat and contesting from Baramulla, which is scheduled to go to the polls in the fifth phase on May 20.

Omar is contesting his first parliamentary polls in the last 15 years. The National Conference vice-president was first elected to Lok Sabha in 1998 when he won the election from Srinagar parliamentary seat. In 1999, he was re-elected to the 13th Lok Sabha.

He lost his first Assembly election in Jammu and Kashmir from Ganderbal constituency in 2002 Assembly polls. However, he won from Sonawar seat in 2008 and became the chief minister of the erstwhile state. In 2014, he contested from two seats and lost from his home turf in Sonawar seat but won from Beerwah seat in central Kashmir's Budgam district.

NC leader Omar Abdullah arrives to file nominationin Baramulla on Thursday | PTI

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APPENDIX IV[See Rule 8 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002]
Possession Notice (for Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of **Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 had issued a **demand notice dated 21-02-2024 calling upon the borrowers Muddebihalkar Govindrao Vijayeendra , Sunita V Muddebihalkar , Vaibhav V Muddebihalkar mentioned in the notice being of Rs. 44,19,714.65/- (Rupees Forty Four Lakh Nineteen Thousand Seven Hundred Fourteen and Sixty Five Paise Only)** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and to the public in general that the undersigned has taken Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act. read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 **on this 02nd day of May of the year, 2024.**

The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited for an amount of Rs. 44,19,714.65/- (Rupees Forty Four Lakh Nineteen Thousand Seven Hundred Fourteen and Sixty Five Paise Only)** and interest thereon. Borrowers attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section 8 of Section 13 of the Act., in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All That Piece And Parcel Of Flat No. B-005, B Block, Admeasuring 1066 Sq. Ft. (Carpet/Built-Up Area), Ground Floor, "Sigma Serenity", On Residential Converted Land Bearing New Sy. No. 223, Old Sy. No. 173, Measuring 2 Acres, Indiabele Village, Attibele Hobli, Bangalore-562107, And **Bounded As: East:** Sarjapura Main Road **West:** Sy. No. 173 **North:** Sy. Nos. 180 & 181 **South:** Sai Layout.

Date: 02/05/2024 **Authorised Officer**
Place: Bangalore **Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited**

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SUBSTITUTED SERVICE OF NOTICE U/s.13 (2) of SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the borrowers as mentioned below that since they have defaulted in repayment of the Credit facility availed by them from IndusInd Bank Limited (IBL), their loan credit facility has been classified as Non-Performing Assets in the books of the Bank as per RBI guidelines thereto. Thereafter, Bank has issued demand notices to below mentioned respective borrower under section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI Act). on the last known addresses of the said borrowers thereby calling upon and demanding from them to pay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice/s within 60 days from the date of the respective Notice/s, as per details given below, together with further interest at the contractual rate on the below mentioned amount and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. as stated in the said demand notices. However, the service is also being done by us by way of this publication as per Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (SARFAESI Rules):

Loan Account No: KBR01161N; **NPA Date:** 09/02/2024; **Date of 13 (2) Notice:** 23/04/2024; **Borrower**: Mr. Ameer Mohammed Hamza Hussain (Deceased), Mrs. Nazreen Fathima , Wife of Late Mr. Ameer Mohammed Hamza Hussain, Mr. Mohd. Ameer Hussain, Son of Late Mr. Ameer Mohammed Hamza Hussain, Mr. Mohd. Hasmath Hussain, Son of Late Mr. Ameer Mohammed Hamza Hussain, Mr. Mohd. Habeeb Hussain, Son of Late Mr. Ameer Mohammed Hamza Hussain, Mrs. Naseem Hussain, Wife of Mr. Ameer Mohammed Hamza Hussain Notice Nos. 2 to 6 are the legal heirs of the deceased borrower Mr. Ameer Mohammed Hamza Hussian and all are residing at No. 2A, 2nd Floor, Shanthi Elegance, Horamavu Main Road, Munireddy Layout, Horamavu Main Road, K R. Puram Hobil, Bangalore -560043. Mrs. Naseem Hussain W/o. Mr. Ameer Mohammed Hamza Hussain, No.2A,2nd Floor, Shanthi Elegance, Horamavu Main Road K. R. Puram Hobil Bangalore -560043.

Description of Schedule A Property: - All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing site Nos. 16 and 17 Khata Nos.452/453/16-17, formed out of converted property bearing Sy.Nos.99/1,99/2 and 100/1B, Vide conversion order bearing No. BDS.ALN.SR€.FR/5/2003-4,d Dated 13/5/2003,Situated at Horamavu Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk Measuring East to West 80 Feet and North to South 56.2 Feet in measuring 4496 sq.ft.

Description of Schedule B Property: -The Residential apartment Bearing No. 2A, having BBMP form B Extract Sl.No.292, Katha as No.452/453/16-17, Situated on the 2nd floor of the building Known as "SHANTHI ELEGANCE" with Super Build up area of 1188 sq.ft constructed in the Schedule "A" Property together with 267 sq.ft of undivided share, right, title and interest in the land with Mosaic Flooring and Steel windows. The flat is provided with Water, Electricity and sanitary connection and one car-paring slot in the ground floor of the Apartment. This property presently comes under the jurisdiction of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara palike.

We hereby call upon the borrower stated herein to pay us within 60 days from the date of this notice, the outstanding amount of more particularly stated in respective Demand Notices issued, together with further interest thereon plus cost, charges, expenses, etc. thereto failing which we shall be at liberty to proceed against the above Secured Asset(s)/Immovable Property (ies) under Section 13(4) of the said Act and the applicable Rules not limited to taking possession and selling the secured asset entirely at the risk of the said borrower(s)/co borrower (s)/Legal Heir(s)/Legal Representative(s)at your own cost and consequences.

Please note that as per section 13(13) of the SARAFESI Act, all of you are prohibited from transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise, the aforesaid secured assets without prior written consent of the Bank. Any contravention of the said section by you shall invoke the penal provisions as laid down under section 29 of the SARFAESI Act and / or any other legal provision in this regard.

Please note that as per sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, if the dues of IBL together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by IBL are tendered to IBL at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer, the secured asset shall not be sold or transferred by IBL, and no further step shall be taken by IBL for transfer or sale of that secured asset.

Date : 04/05/2024 Sd/-
Place: Chennai For IndusInd Bank limited, Authorized Officer

UNION BANK OF INDIA

(A Government of India Undertaking)
DODDABALLAPUR BRANCH
Lions Bhavan Road, Shenigarpet, Doddaballapur-561203
Phone No. 80-27622045/27627186, E-Mail: ubin0900508@unionbankofindia.bank

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for 15 days Sale of immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provison to rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised officer of **Union Bank of India (secured Creditor)** will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is basis"** on the date mentioned below, for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder to Union bank of India from the below mentioned Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s). The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit are also mentioned hereunder.

Name and address of the Secured Creditor : Doddaballapur Branch, Lions Bhavan Road, Shenigarpet, Doddaballapur-561203.

Name and address of the Borrower, Co-Applicant and Guarantor: (a) Mr. O.M.Narayanaswamy, No. 81, Obedanahally, Shivapura Post, Doddaballappur Taluk, Bangalore Rural District- 561203. **(b) Mrs. Bhagyamma,** W/o O.M.Narayanaswamy, No. 81, Obedanahally, Shivapura Post, Doddaballappur Taluk, Bangalore Rural District- 561203.

Amount due: Rs.12,15,501/- (Rs. Twelve Lakh Fifteen Thousand Five Hundred One Only) as on **18.07.2022** and future interest/cost/expenses thereon.

Description of immovable secured assests to be sold : All that piece and parcel of land with incompleted building (ground floor casting and roof slab is completed) owned by Mr. O.M. Narayanaswamy, in old khatha No. 1524/1 and 801/1570/1524/1, 1524/1/39/42, present serial No. 801, property No. 1570/1524/1/1524/1/VS.39 & 42, site No. 42 admeasuring 1200 Sqr Ft within the registration sub-district Doddaballapur and District Bangalore Rural bounded by :East by: 12 Feet Road, West by : 12 Feet Road, North by: Site No. 39, South by : 12 Feet Road.

Reserve Price : Rs.18,90,000/- (Rupees Eighteen Lakh Ninety Thousand Only)
Earnest Money to be Deposited: Rs.1,89,000/-
[Rupees One Lakh Eighty Nine Thousand only]
(10% of Reserve Price)
Date and time of E-Auction: 29.05.2024 from 12:00 PM to 05:00 P.M (with 10 min unlimited auto extensions)
Last date for submission of EMD : On or before 28.05.2024,
E-auction website: www.mstcecommerce.com

For Detailed terms and condition of the sale, please refer to the link provided in **(1) https://www.ibapi.in (2) www.unionbankofindia.co.in**
The intending purchaser require to register through :
https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp
The online E-auction will be held through website:
https://www.mstcecommerce.com
For auction related queries e-mail to sarfaesi@unionbankofindia.com contact the Branch Manager, Union Bank of India [Erstwhile Corporation Bank] Lions Bhavan Road, Shenigarpet, Doddaballapur-561203, Phone No. 80-27622045/27627186, Contact Branch Manager Mr. Sanjeev Kumar, Mob: 7209565054 E-Mail: ubin0900508@unionbankofindia.bank.

Date: 02.05.2024 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place: Bangalore **Union Bank of India.**

Can Fin Homes Ltd

(Sponsor: CANARA BANK) HOME LOANS + DEPOSITS
Devanahalli Branch
1st Floor, Raja Rao Complex
Tippu Sultan Road, Devanahalli-562 110.
Ph: 080-27682007, M: 7625079177
E-Mail Id: devanahalli@canfinhomes.com
CIN No: L85110KA1987PLC008699

DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (SARFAESI Act) read with Rule 3(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (Rules)

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd., under SARFAESI Act and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3, issued Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrowers / guarantors listed hereunder (hereinafter referred to as the "said Borrowers"), to repay the amounts mentioned in the Notice, within 60 days from the date of receipt of Notice, as per details given below.

The said Notices have been returned undelivered by the postal authorities / have not been duly acknowledged by the borrowers. Hence the Company by way of abundant caution is effecting this publication of the demand notice (as per the provisions of Rule 3 (1)). The undersigned has, therefore, caused these Notices to be pasted on the premises of the last known addresses of the said Borrowers, as per the said Act.

As security for due repayment of the loan, the following assets have been mortgaged to the Company by the respective parties as detailed below.

Sl. No.	Name of Borrowers/ Guarantors with address	Amount claimed as per Demand Notice *	Description of the Secured Asset	Date of NPA
1	**Mr.Vinod Kumar** S/o. Jayanna (Borrower), **Mrs.Jayalakshmi** W/o. Jayanna (Co-Borrower) Both are residing at No.145, Machochalli Village, Dasana pura Hobli, Bangalore North , Bangalore-560091 **and** **Mr. Huche Gowda** S/o. Dasegowda (Guarantor) Anneshastripalya Village, Thippasandra Hobli, Magadi (T), Ramangara- 562 131.	**Rs.18,90,335/-** (Rupees Eighteen Lakhs Ninety Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty Five Only)as on 02.05.2024	Residential property situated at Site No.01, Assessment No.18/1,formed out of Katha No.82 situated at Bylaknenahalli Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore measuring East to West 30 ft & North to south 30ft totally 900 sft and Any Construction building there on Same is bounded as under: To the East: Private Property, To the West: Road, To the North: Private Property, To the South: Site No.02	30.04.2024
2	**1. Mr. Narasimhappa.S** S/o. Besthasubbanna (Borrower), **2.Mrs.Shivamma** W/o. Mr. Narasimhappa.S **3.Mr.Naveen Kumar** S/o. **Mr. Narasimhappa.S** (Co-Borrowers) All are residing at No.73/5, Maruthi Nagar, 2nd Division, Shivashankappa Layout, Yelahanka, Bangalore - 560 064.	**Rs.35,52,492/-** (Rupees Thirty Five Lakhs Fifty Two Thousand Four Hundred and Ninety Two Only) as on 02.05.2024 **&** **Rs.33,55,604/-** (Rupees Thirty Three Lakhs Fifty Five Thousand Six Hundred and Four Only) as on 02.05.2024	**Schedule of the Mortgaged Property- 1:** Residential property situated at Property No.505/18, E-Katha PID No.152800124001204 58 situated at Gantamvarapalli Village, Kasabha Hobli, Bagepalli Taluk, Chikka ballapura measuring East to West 30 ft & North to south 40ft totally 1200 sft and Any Construction building there up on Same is bounded as under: To the East: Site No.17, To the West: Site No.19,To the North: own Property (Abdul Sattar),To the South: Road **Schedule of the Mortgaged Property- 2:** Residential property situated at Site No.287,1st Allotment,old Municipal Katha No.263,Old BBMP Katha No.1263/287 Venkatala Sy. No. 10/1, Kugilu Grama Sy. No. 60/1, 61/1, 61/2A, situated at Maruthinagara Layout, Venkatala Village, Yelahanka Hobli Bangalore North Bangalore measuring East to West 30 ft & North to south 40ft totally 1200 sft and Any Construction building there up on Same is bounded as under: To the East: Site No.288, To the West: Site No.261, To the North: Road, To the South: Site No.192	30.04.2024
3	**1.Mrs.Gangamma** W/o. Nanjundaiah B (Borrower), **2.Mr.Boregowda. N.B** S/o. Nanjundaiah B **3.Mr. B. Nanjundaiah** S/o. Boraiah **4.Mrs. Bhagyamma. M.N** W/o. Boregowda N. B. **(Co-Borrowers)** All are residing at No. 75, 7th Cross, Vigneshwaranagar, Sunkadakatte, Yeshwnthpura Hobli, Bangalore 560 091.	**Rs.23,91,943/-** (Rupees Twenty Three Lakhs Ninety One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty Three Only) as on 02.05.2024	Residential property situated at Site No.75, Khatha No.21, Assessment No.21, Situated at Vigneshwara Nagar, Herohalli Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore measuring East to West 30 ft & North to south 40ft totally 1200 sft and Any Construction building there up on. Same is bounded as under: To the East: Site No.76 To the West: Site No.74, To the North: 25 feet road, To the South: Site No.89.	30.04.2024

**Payable with further interest at contractual rates as agreed from the date mentioned above till date of payment.*

You are hereby called upon to pay the above said amount with contracted rate of interest thereon within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the undersigned will be constrained to Initiate action under SARFAESI Act to enforce the aforesaidsecurity. Further, the attention of borrowers / guarantors is invited to provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available to them to redeem the secured assets.

Date : 03.05.2024 Sd/-
Place : Bangalore **Authorised Officer**
Can Fin Homes Limited

Karnataka Bank Ltd.

Your Family Bank. Across India.

Asset Recovery Management Branch,
1st Floor, FKCCI Building, Kempegowda Road, Bengaluru-560009.
Phone: 080-22955928(Gen)/22955929(CM)
E-Mail: blr.arm@ktkbank.com
Website: https://karnatakabank.com
CIN: L85110KA1924PLC001128

MEGA E-AUCTION

NOTICE OF SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES ON 29.05.2024

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) / Rule 9 (1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Physical Possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer (details mentioned below), will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on 29.05.2024** at the below mentioned timings for recovery of dues with further interest and cost thereon due to the **Karnataka Bank Ltd.**

The details are as under: Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposits details are as under & the Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before **28.05.2024 at 4.00 pm** through online payment to the Account No. details of which are given below or by way of DD favouring **Karnataka Bank Ltd.**

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantors/ Co-Obligants and Loan Account No.	Balance O/S Rs. Future Interest From + Costs	Possession Date Possession Type	Description of the Property/ies	Reserve Price (Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs.	Auction Time	Incremental Value of the Bid	Branch Name & Account Details for Remitting EMD/ IFSC Code
1	**(1) Mr. Manjunath N,** S/o Mr. Nagaraj C, No.1162, 11th Cross, 9th Main, 2nd Phase, West of Chord Road, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560086, **(2) M/s M.N Construction, Represented by its Proprietor Mr. Manjunath N**, No.37/1, 2nd Floor, 1st Cross, Model Colony, Yeshwanthpura Flower Market Opp-Road, Bengaluru-560022 , **(3) Mrs. Kavitha K,** W/o Mr. Manjunath N , No.1162, 11th Cross, 9th Main, 2nd Phase, West of Chord Road, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560086, **Both 1 & 3 also at :** BDA Site No.2, II Main, BDA Layout, RMV II Stage, 4th Block, Lottegollahalli, Bengaluru-560094. **Loan A/c Nos.: (1) Term Loan A/c No. 9687001600001001 (2) PSOD A/c No. 9687000600000501**	**Total Rs. 96,32,292.36 [(1) Rs. 82,04,503.40 19.08.2021 + (2) Rs. 14,27,788.96 01.09.2021]**	**18.11.2022 Physical**	All that part and parcel of immovable property **bearing BDA Site No.2, measuring 53.37 Smt or 575 Sq.ft** [East to West – 6.10 meters, North to South – 8.50+9.00/2 meters), with **Residential building constructed thereon** [Stilt Floor+Ground Floor+First Floor+Second Floor] measuring total BUA 107.36 Smt or 1155 Sq.ft as per plan, 2000 Sq.ft as per physical measurement, situated at II Main, BDA Layout, RMV II Stage, 4th Block, formed in Sy.No.6 of Lottegollahalli Village, Bengaluru-560094, **belonging to Mr. Manjunath N & Mrs. Kavitha K. Boundaries of property as per Deed/Actual : East :** Site No.03 / 3 Floor Residential Building, **West :** Site No.01/ Site No.01, **North :** Site No.07/Sheet roof Building, **South :** Road/II Main Road.	**Rs.65,00,000.00 (Rupees Sixty Five Lakhs Only)**	**Rs.6,50,000.00 (Rupees Six Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only)**	**10.45 A.M to 11.05 A.M**	**Rs. 10,000/-**	**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch: Bengaluru – H.M.T Layout Branch, A/c No: 9683500200004101 IFSC:KARB0000968**
2	**(1) Mr. Saket Jalan,** S/o Mr. Santosh Jalan, **(2) Mrs.Raadhika Jalan,** W/o Mr. Saket Jalan, **Both are addressed at :** Flat No.205, Sparta Block, "Acropolis" , Hosur Road, Bengaluru-560095. **Loan A/c Nos.: (1) Term Loan A/c No.1117001600238101 (2) Term Loan A/c No.1117001600238201 (3) Term Loan A/c No.1117001600238501**	**Total Rs. 4,19,84,882.21 [(1) Rs. 3,20,09,585.13 19.02.2024 + (2) Rs. 16,06,318.51 19.02.2024 + (3) Rs. 83,68,978.57 26.02.2024]**	**16.09.2023 Physical**	All that part and parcel of Residential Flat bearing **No.205, (Old No.205-S), New Municipal No.20/85, Old BBMP PID No.63-159-20/85, New PID No.146-M0131-48-32,** on second floor of 'SPARTA Block' in the apartment building known as **'ACROPOLIS',** having Super built up area **2,292 Sq.ft** along with **882.65 Sq.ft** of undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership in land, and one top covered car parking space in the basement floor, and proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use, constructed on land bearing No.20, situated at Hosur Road, Madiwala Division No.63, Bengaluru (now within BBMP limits), belonging to **Mr. Saket Jalan. Boundaries of property as per Deed : East :** Hosur-Bengaluru Road, **West :** Hosur – Bengaluru Road, **North :** Private Property in S.No.67, **South :** Private Property in S.No.151. **Boundaries of Flat as per Document : East :** Flat No.206, **West :** Open to Sky, **North :** Entrance, **South :** Open to Sky.	**Rs. 3,15,00,000/- (Rupees Three Crores Fifteen Lakhs Only)**	**Rs. 31,50,000/- (Rupees Thirty One Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only)**	**12.35 P.M to 12.55 P.M**	**Rs. 50,000/-**	**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch: Bengaluru – BTM Layout A/c No: 1113500200004101 IFSC:KARB0000111**
3	**(1) M/s Navyug Energy Solutions Pvt Ltd,** A Private Limited Company, Represented by its Directors, **Addressed at :** No.201/202, Brigade Business Suites, 100 ft Road, 10th Main, T. Mariappa Road, 2nd Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru-560011, **(2) Mr. Girish Aradhya R,** S/o Mr. Rudra Aradhya, **Addressed at :** No.39, 7th B Main, 4th Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru-560011, **(3) Mr. Divananda Rai P,** S/o Mr. Sheenappa Rai P, **Addressed at :** No.50/2, 2nd Floor, 1st Main Road, Sheshadripuram, Bengaluru-560020, **(4) Mr. Sacheendra Shetty**, S/o Mr. Bachu Shetty, **Addressed at :** No.50/4, Ground Floor, 1st Main Road, Sheshadripuram, Bengaluru-560020, **(5) Mr. Vinay G,** S/o Mr. G.H. Venkateshalu, **Addressed at :** No.15, 8th Main, Byraveshwara Nagar, Nagarabhavi Main Road, Bengaluru-560072, **(6) Mr. Karthik A.M,** S/o Mr. A.M Mahadevappa, **Addressed at :** No.12, 1st Main, Basaveshwara HBCS Layout, Vijaynagar, Bengaluru-560040 **Loan A/c Nos.: (1) PSOD A/c No.0847000600197601 (2) PSTL A/c No.0847001800048801**	**Total Rs. 3,20,11,522.47 [(1) Rs. 2,15,41,615.96 01.05.2024 + (2) Rs. 1,04,69,906.51 12.04.2024]**	**05.06.2023 Physical**	All that part and parcel of the **immovable property** being Office Premises bearing **Unit No's 201 and 202** and bearing **BBMP assigned Municipal No.44/11 and PID No.50-49-44/11,** totally having super built up area of **1680 Sq.ft** (inclusive of the proportionate share in common area such as passages, lobbies, lifts, terrace and staircase etc) comprised in the Second Floor of the commercial building known as **"Brigade Business Suites",** together with One Open Car parking space in the ground level of the said building and **590.03 Sq.ft** of undivided share, right, title and interest in the total land area of **11640 Sq.ft,** constructed on property bearing **New No.44 (Old No.44, 44/1, 44/2** and much earlier bearing **No.261/B), BBMP PID No.50-49-44,** situated at 100 feet Road, 10th Main Road (T. Mariappa Road), 2nd Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru, belonging to **M/s Navyug Energy Solutions Pvt Ltd.** **Boundaries as per Deed / Property New No.44 (Land) / Unit No's 201 and 202 (Mortgaged Portion of the Building)** East / 10th Main Road (T. Mariappa Road) / Lift lobby and Corridor West / Private Property / Drive way / Set Back North / Road / Common Corridor towards Unit No's 203 & 204 South / Property bearing Old Site No.262 / Entry Ramp to Basement	**Rs. 2,25,00,000/- (Rupees Two Crores Twenty Five Lakhs Only)**	**Rs. 22,50,000/- (Rupees Twenty Two Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only)**	**11.05 A.M to 11.25 A.M**	**Rs. 50,000/-**	**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch: Bengaluru – Jayanagar IVth Block A/c No: 0843500200004101 IFSC:KARB0000084**

(The borrower's/mortgagor's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset).
(This Notice shall also serve as Notice under Sub Rule (6) of Rule 8/Sub Rule (1) of Rule 9 of Security Interest Enforcement Rules-2002 to the Borrower/Guarantors).
For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to link in Karnataka Bank's Website i.e. https://karnatakabank.com .
The E-auction will be conducted through portal www.auctionbazaar.com on **29.05.2024** at above mentioned time with unlimited extension of 05 minutes. The intending bidder is required to register their name at **www.auctionbazaar.com** and get the user Id and password free of cost and get training i.e. online training on E-auction (tentatively on **28.05.2024**) from **M/s Auction Bazaar, 7-1-28/1/A/1 Park Avenue 1, Ameerpet, Begumpet, Hyderabad, Secunderbad, Telangana, India, 500016, Contact Mobile No. 8885035382/7799510999/8885035332, E-mail : disposal.karnataka@auctionbazaar.com.**

Date : 02.05.2024 **Sd/- Chief Manager & Authorised Officer,**
Place: Bengaluru **Karnataka Bank Ltd.**

NATIONAL CONSUMER DISPUTES REDRESSAL COMMISSION
(Constituted under Consumer Protection Act, 2019)
Upbhokta Nyay Bhawan, F-Block, GPO Complex, INA, New Delhi-110023, Telephone No.011-24608715/ 24608741, Website: http://ncdrc.nic.in

CORRIGENDUM

In Reference to the Public Notice Published on Date: **01.05.2024** in this News Paper. In this notification regarding the complainant: M/s Skyline Bagmane Champagne Hills Apartment Owners Association, Please read **"Indian Express"** Instead of **"Deccan Herald"**. Otherwise, there will be no changes. The rest of the content remains unchanged.

Central Coalfields Limited

"A Miniratna Company"
(A Subsidiary of Coal India Limited)

NOTICE

All the tenders issued by CIL and its Subsidiaries for procurement of Goods, Works and Services are available on websites of Coal India Ltd. **www.coalindia.in/** respective Subsidiary Company (CCL, **www.centralcoalfields.in**), CIL e-procurement portal **https://coalindiatenders.nic.in** and Central Public Procurement Portal **https://eprocure.gov.in** in addition, procurement is also done through GeM portal **https://gem.gov.in**

UNION BANK OF INDIA

(A Government of India Undertaking)
Regional Office, Bengaluru (North), No.1/1, Ground Floor, "Jeevan Sampige, 2nd Main Sampige Road, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560003. Tel.No. 08023460281
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SALE NOTICE FOR IMMOVABLES

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Devanahalli Branch-07522, Near Jain Temple, B.B.Road, Devanahalli, Bengaluru Rural, Karnataka-562110, Contact No. 9321907522, Email: ubin0907529@unionbankofindia.bank

1) Name and address of the Borrower, Co-Applicant and Guarantor: 1(a). Mr. Ramesh M S/o Munipapaiah, No.246/A, RWF Quarters, West Colony, Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore-560064, **2.Guarantor/s: 2(a).Mr.Shreyas** S/o Ramesh M, No.246/A, RWF Quarters, West Colony, Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore-560064, **2 (b). Vasanth Kumar** S/o Munipapaiah, H No:125, Bychapura, Anneshwara, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural-562110.

Amount due: Rs. 91,78,534/- (Rupees Ninety One Lakh Seventy Eight Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Four only) as on **29-02-2024** plus uncharged interest and future interest along with other contingents charges.

Description of immovable secured assets to be Sold: All part and parcel of immovable property bearing Grama Thana Katha No:79/79/2, PID No:150200202000620377, situated at Singanayakanahalli Gramapanchayath ,Yelahanka Block, Bengaluru, measuring East to West 13.71 Mtr and North to South 9.144 Mtr (total extend of 125.41 Sq Mtr i.e. 1350 Sq Ft) together with two floor of residential building belonging to Mr. Ramesh M S/o Late Munipapaiah, , bounded by: East By: Road and H Krishnappas Property, West By: Remaining property of Chikkarudrappa, North By: Muniraju's property, South By: Property belongs to Krishnappa and Govindaraju.

Reserve Price : Rs. 87,45,000/- (Rupees Eighty Seven lakh Forty Five Thousand Only)
Earnest Money to be Deposited: Rs. 8,74,500/- (Rupees Eight Lakh Seventy Four Thousand Five Hundred Only)
Date and time of E-Auction: 29.05.2024, 12:00 PM to 05:00 PM (with 10 min unlimited auto extensions)
Last date for submission of EMD : 28.05.2024 E-auction website: www.mstcecommerce.com

For E-auction Related queries Please contact : (Ph): 9321907522 / Branch Manager, Mr B Suredra,Mob. 9908350386

Branch : Dasarahalli (16601) (Erstwhile Andhra Bank), DRLS Plaza, Tumkur Road, T Dasarahalli, Bangalore 560057, Tel No 8355816601 Email- UBIN0816604@unionbankofindia.bank

2) Name and address of the Borrower, Co-Applicant and Guarantor: 1(a). Mr Ramesha AT, Site No 17 and 18, Janani Nilaya, Kempapura Village, Hesaraghatta Main Road, Bangalore 560090. **1(b). Mrs Radha** W/o Mr Ramesha AT, Site No 17 and 18, Janani Nilaya, Kempapura Village, Hesaraghatta Main Road, Bangalore 560090.

Amount due: Rs 1,10,37,069/- (Rupees One Crore Ten Lakh Thirty Seven Thousand Sixty Nine only) as on 02.05.2024 plus uncharged interest and future interest along with other contingents charges.

Description of immovable secured assets to be Sold: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing No Site no 17 and 18, out of New Assessment No 15/2 and 16/4, 16/6 (old Assessment no 15 and 16) situated at Kempapura Village, Hesaraghatta Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Presently under the limits of Kasagattapuralla Gram Panchayat measuring East to West 28 ½ feet and North to South 58 ¼ feet, totally measuring 1667.25 Sq.Ft together with multi floor residential building of total 5900 sq ft plinth area belonging to Mr. Ramesha A T and bounded on : East by: Remaining portion of Owners property, West: Road, North : Site No 16, South : Road.

Reserve Price : Rs.1,25,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Twenty Five Lakh only)
Earnest Money to be Deposited: Rs. 12,50,000/- (Rupees Twelve Lakh Fifty Thousand only)
Date and time of E-Auction: 29.05.2024, 12.00 Hrs to 17.00 Hrs (with 10 min unlimited auto extensions)
Last date for submission of EMD : 28.05.2024 E-auction website: www.mstcecommerce.com

For E-auction Related queries Please contact : (Ph): 8355816601/ Branch Manager Mr Prabhat Moharana, Mob. 8008775953

For Detailed terms and condition of the sale, please refer to the link provided in **https://www.ibapi.in, www.unionbankofindia.co.in.**
The online E-auction will be held through website: **www.mstcecommerce.com**

Place: Bengaluru **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Date: 02.05.2024 **Union Bank of India.**

SOME HOPE AS HAMAS GOES TO EGYPT FOR TRUCE TALKS

BEIRUT

HAMAS said Thursday that it was sending a delegation to Egypt for further ceasefire talks, in a new sign of progress in attempts by international mediators to hammer out an agreement between Israel and the militant group to end the war in Gaza.

After months of stop-and-start negotiations, the cease-fire efforts appear to have reached a critical stage, with Egyptian and American mediators reporting signs of compromise in recent days. But chances for the deal remain entangled with the key question of whether Israel will accept an end to the war without reaching its stated goal of destroying Hamas.

The proposal that US and Egyptian mediators have put to Hamas — apparently with Israel's acceptance — sets out a three-stage process that would bring an immediate six-week cease-fire and partial release of Israeli hostages, but also negotiations over a "permanent calm" that includes some sort of Israeli withdrawal from Gaza, according to an Egyptian official. Hamas is seeking guarantees for a full Israeli withdrawal and complete end to the war. Hamas officials have sent mixed signals about the proposal in recent days. But on Thursday, its supreme leader, Ismail Haniyeh, said in a statement that he had spoken to Egypt's intelligence chief and "stressed the positive spirit of the movement in studying the cease-fire proposal." The statement said that Hamas negotiators would travel to Cairo "to complete the ongoing discussions with the aim of working forward for an agreement." Haniyeh said he had also spoken to the prime minister of Qatar, another key mediator in the process.

The brokers are hopeful that the deal will bring an end to a conflict that has killed more than 34,000 Palestinians, according to local health officials, caused widespread destruction and plunged the territory into a humanitarian crisis. They also hope a deal will avert an Israeli attack on Rafah, where more than half of Gaza's 2.3 million people have sought shelter. *AP*

US Def Secy says Rafah incursion not advisable

HONOLULU

US Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin, while at a news conference on Thursday in Hawaii, was asked by a reporter what consequences Israel would face from the US if Israel conducted an offensive operation in Rafah without 'appropriately taking into account' civilians in the area. Austin said it would be up to President Joe Biden and he wouldn't speculate on that, but that currently, "conditions are not favourable to any kind of operation." "What we've highlighted for the Israelis is that it's really important to make sure that the civilians that are in that battle space move out of that battle space before any activity is conducted. And that if and when they return to any kind of operation that it be conducted in a more much more precise fashion," Austin said.

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He noted there were about 275,000 people living in and around Rafah before the conflict started but there are now about 1.4 million. "That's a lot of people in a very small space. There's a good chance that without taking the right measures that we'll see a lot more civilian casualties going forward. So before anything happens, we certainly want to see them address that threat to the civilians.

"Right now, the conditions are not favourable to any kind of operation. And we've been clear about that. It is necessary to take care of the civilian population that's in that area before anything else happens," Austin said. The UN humanitarian aid agency says thousands of people would be "at imminent risk of death" if Israel carries out a military assault in Rafah. The border city is a critical entry point for humanitarian aid and is filled with displaced Palestinians. *AP*

Police officer fires gun at Columbia University

A police officer who was involved in clearing protesters from a Columbia University administration building earlier this week fired his gun inside the hall, a spokesman for District Attorney Alvin Bragg's office confirmed Thursday. No one was injured, according to spokesman Doug Cohen, who said there were other officers but no students in the immediate vicinity. He did not provide additional details on the incident. *AP*

WH defends xenophobic statement of Joe Biden

WASHINGTON

THE United States is a country of immigrants, the White House has said, defending President Joe Biden's remarks calling two of his QUAD partners – India and Japan – as well as Russia and China "xenophobic" nations, asserting that none of these countries, unlike the United States of America, welcome immigrants. Responding to a question about the remarks made by Biden at an election fundraiser on Wednesday, White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said that the president was making a "broader point".

"He was making a broader point. Our allies and partners know very well that how much this president respects them," Jean-Pierre told reporters at her daily news conference on Thursday.

Biden hosted Prime Minister Narendra Modi for a State Visit last year, while Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida visited the White House in April for an official visit. *PTI/AP*

LOST OF DOCUMENTS

Loss of Original Sale Deed No. 322/2004, Dt. 29/04/2004, registered in favour of Sreemathi executed by Muniswamy, Sy. No.23/3C, Karukkanahalli Village, Rayakottai Sub-Register Office. **Contact: Sreemathi, 9663934038,** Lost Report No. 1035532/2024.

PUBLIC NOTICE

We are here by informing the general public that our clients 1) **Sri. Chandanmal jain** S/o, Dharamchand jain, 2) **Sri. Mukesh kumar jain** S/o, Surajmal jain 3) **Sri. Jitendra kumar Jain** S/o, Surajmal jain 4) **Smt. Hema devi jain** W/o, Sri,Chandanmal jain 5) **Smt. Shobha jain** W/o, Sri, Mukesh kumar jain 6) **Sri. Santosh jain** W/o, Sri, Jitendra kumar Jain, all are residing at Sanghvi Nivas No 965 Sherkhan lane Nagarathpet Cross Bengaluru-560002 have got charge over the schedule property and they have filed a civil suit in OS No.7481/2023 and Ex-ptn 295/2020 against,. **SMT. K. LAKSHMIMURTHY,** W/o K. Krishnamurthy aged about 62 years R/at, No.4, Jain Temple Cross, Road, V.V.Puram, Bengaluru- in respect of the below mentioned schedule property and both the civil suits were still pending before the civil court at Bengaluru for adjudication

Therefore the general public are hereby informed/warning that with out the consent and knowledge of our clients and civil court Bengaluru not to dealt/purchase the below mentioned schedule property in any manner with any other persons in future and if they neglect this notice and deal/purchase the below mentioned property with any other person/s they are held responsible for their future litigation/loss/damages AND our Clients are not responsible for their future litigation/loss/damages.

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of the residential house property bearing No.4 PID No 50-34-04 situated at Jain Temple Cross Road V.V.Puram Bengaluru 560004 BBMP Ward No 50 Measuring east to west 52 feet and North to South 36 feet in total 1872 sq feet of land with a Residential house bounded on **East by:** Venkateshwarulu's property **West by:** Jain Temple cross road, **North by:** C.B. Susheela Bai's property, **South by:** R.S. Suryanarayana shetty's Bank

SUSHMITHA SHANKAR & Co, Advocates
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Mobile: 9060049095/ 9448787077.

Debts Recovery Tribunal - II, Bengaluru, 4th Floor, BSNL Building, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru 560001.

FORM NO. 14
[See Regulation 33(2)]
By Regd. A/D, Dasti failing which by Publication.

DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961.

RC/174/2023
in O.A No 420/2019
BANK OF BARODA (DENA BANK)
Versus
GOVINDARAJU C

(CH) BANK OF BARODA J.C ROAD BRANCH NO 2,CORPORATION SHOPS, JAYACHAMRAJENDRA ROAD, BANGALORE 560002.
....CERTIFICATE HOLDER
Vs
(CD) Govindaraju C S/O Sri Chikkanna
No 05, 11th Cross, Agrahara Dasara Halli Basaveshwara Nagara Bangalore-560079.
.... CERTIFICATE DEBTOR.

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BANGALORE. (DRT 2) in OA/420/2019 an amount of Rs. 2891480 (Rupees Twenty Eight Lakhs nienty One Thousands Four Hundred eighty only) along the pendentellite and future interest @ 13.75% Compound Interest Monthly w.e.f. 13/03/2019 till realization and costs of Rs 31005 (Rupees Thirty One Thousands Five Only) has become due against you.

2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 and Rules there under.

3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing.

4."You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, for further proceedings"

5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:

(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate/execution proceedings.

(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: 30/10/2023

Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 to the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Ac 1961 read with Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993(Amended from time) which is reproduced as under: "Rule 16(1) where a notice has been served on defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in inter shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any prope belonging to him except with the permission of the debts recovery officer nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for payment of moriey.

2. Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private trans delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment defaulter or any debt, divided or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be as against all claims enforceable under the attachment.

3. You are also liable to disclose your assets both movable and immovable to this Tribunal along with the Income Tax Returns of last 5 years.

Recovery Officer
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BANGALORE (DRT 2)

COPY TO :-
BANK OF BARODA, J.C ROAD BRANCH.

You are directed that the payment made, if any, by the Certificate Debtor(s) be credited to the consolidated account of all debts due in this case from the Certificate Debtor(s) and the Recovery Officer kept posted with the payment position regularly.

The consolidated account so maintained will be subject to the verification of the Recovery Officer. You are further directed to submit an up to date statement of the total claim in respect of the above matter and full details of property particulars wherefrom the recovery of the debt is to be made.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby brought to the Notice of General Public that, my client namely **Sri. G. Shivakumar,** S/o Late Gundappa, Residing at No.1, Sri Kumbheshwara Nilaya, Chetan Circle, 15th cross, Andrahalli Main Road, Vishwaneedam Post, Bengaluru - 560091, is intended to purchase the property bearing Survey No.106, Block No.3, Dasanapura Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring 3 acre, bounded by East by Road, West By remaining property of Sy No.106, North by Property belongs to Smt. Jayamma in same Survey number and South by Road, which is belongs to Smt. Bhagyamma. The said Vendor represented to my client that she is the absolute owner, title holder and in peaceful possession and enjoyment of the above stated property and except her no other person/s is/are holding any right, title, interest over the property referred supra.

It is the notice issued to the General Public, if anybody have any sort of right, title and interest or any type of charge over the above property or any valid objections, they shall inform and file their written submission if any, within a period of **SEVEN DAYS** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which my client shall proceed with the sale transaction as a bonafide purchaser of above property.

THYAGARAJA.S. Advocate
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PUBLIC NOTICE

BE IT KNOWN TO ALL THAT, our Client **Mr. Ashok Vaswani,** Son of Mr.Shambhomal Hiranand Vaswani, residing at 3301, 392-MARSA DUBAI, Premise No.: 392330644, Premise Type: Residential Flat, PO BOX NO.: 126513, DUBAI, UAE, is the lawful owner in possession, occupation and enjoyment of the property bearing No. 52, Katha No.438/52, now having assigned E-Katha No.150200200600300379 by the Rajanakunte Gram Panchayat, the said Plot totally measuring 10000 Sq. Ft., in the layout known and called as **"Prestige North-West County"** situated at Adde Vishwanathapura Village, Hesarghatta Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, the said property was formed, developed and sold by M/s. Prestige Constructions; Our Client has lost / misplaced the following documents in respect of the aforesaid property;

1. Agreement to Sell dated 13.03.1995 entered between M/s. Prestige Constructions and Mr.Ashok Vaswani;
2. Power of Attorney given by Mr. Ashok Vaswani to Mr. Parshotham Vaswani for registration of the Sale Deed dated 08.12.2004 on behalf of the Purchaser;
3. Sale Deed dated 08.12.2004, registered as document No.YAN-1-17583/2004-05, stored in CD No. YAND96, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Yelahanka, Bangalore;

A Police Complaint with regard to the loss of the aforesaid original documents has been filed.

Any person/s, who has knowledge of the said original documents and / or in whose hands the aforesaid original documents may come, shall notify the undersigned at the address mentioned herein with regard to the aforesaid original documents, at the earliest and not later than Ten (10) days from the date of this notice. In the event we or our Client do not in any manner get any information about the said original documents within the time frame mentioned herein, our Client shall act upon the copies / Certified Copies of the aforesaid documents, as if, the same is the original.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

BE IT KNOWN TO ALL that our clients **Sri. ADIMULAM SANKARAIAH and Sri. K.V. MANJUNATH** intends to Purchase the under mentioned Schedule Property from its owner **M/S. Sri Sai Developers,** No.29, 18th Main 7th Cross, BTM 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560 076.

Represented by its partners

Sri. MANJUNATH REDDY S/o Sri.NARAYAN REDDY aged about 57 years and **Sri. A. RASHEED MULLA** S/o A.A. MULLA aged about 65 years.

Smt. N.K. PUSHPA W/o B.N. MANJUNATH REDDY aged about 57 years

The public is hereby informed that any person/s having any manner of right/s, claim/s, charge/s, objection/s against the under mentioned Schedule Property or any part thereof or in any manner affecting the rights of the Schedule property may notify the undersigned within **15 (Fifteen) days** from the date of publication of this notice along with documentary proof in support of the same failing which my client shall proceed to purchase the schedule property and my client will complete the transaction. No claim shall be entertained thereafter.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Item No.1 : All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Vacant Site. No. **15 & 16** in Converted Sy.No. **138/5 & 138/6,** by the Deputy Commissioner vide Conversion Order No. B.DIS.ALN.SR (S)211/1973-74, dated 11.04.1973, Old **138/5 & 138/6** , Old Katha No. **531/53**, New No. **242/1/15-16**, situated at **BILEKAHALLI VILLAGE, new the layout called as SARVABHOUMANAGAR, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk**, Bommanahalli CMC Ward No.**23**, presently **BBMP ward No.188, measuring** East to West **30 Feet** and North to South **60 Feet,** totally measuring **1800 Square Feet** together with building standing thereon, stilt floor 16 squares Ground Floor, First Floor each floor consisting of 16 squares, Second Floor 8 Squares, vertified Tiles Flooring, together with Electrical, water and sanitation connections, sump tank with motor including auto level controller, with all Electrical Fittings with panel board together with Tube Light Fittings, Light Fittings, Bulbs, Ceiling Fans in all the Rooms, Bath Room Fittings, wardrobes in Each Portion, Over head tank, Geysers and Lift, with all civic amenities and BWSSB connections together with rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on: **East by** : Property Nos. 3 & 4, **West by** : Road, **North by** : Property No. 17, **South by** : Property No.14.

Item No.2 : All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Vacant Site. No. **14** in Converted Sy.No. **138/5 & 138/6,** by the Deputy Commissioner vide Conversion Order No. B.DIS.ALN.SR (S)211/1973-74, dated 11.04.1973, Old **138/5 & 138/6** , Old Katha No. **531/53**, New No. **242/14**, situated at **Bilekahalli village, new the layout called as Sarvabhoumanagar, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk,** Bommanahalli CMC Ward No.**23**, presently **BBMP ward No.188, measuring** East to West **30 Feet** and North to South **30 Feet,** totally measuring **900 Square Feet** together with building standing thereon, stilt floor 8 squares Ground Floor, First Floor each floor consisting of 8 squares, Second Floor 4 Squares, vertified Tiles Flooring, together with Electrical, water and sanitation connections, sump tank with motor including auto level controller, with all Electrical Fittings with panel board together with Tube Light Fittings, Light Fittings, Bulbs, Ceiling Fans in all the Rooms, Bath Room Fittings, wardrobes in Each Portion, Over head tank, Geysers and Lift, with all civic amenities and BWSSB connections together with rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on: **East by** : Property No 5, **West by** : Road, **North by** : Property No. 15, **South by** : Road.

COMPSIDE SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Vacant Site. No. **14, 15 & 16** in Converted Sy.No. **138/5 & 138/6,** by the Deputy Commissioner vide Conversion Order No. B.DIS.ALN.SR (S)211/1973-74, dated 11.04.1973, Old **138/5 & 138/6,** having Clubbed Khatha No. 266/214/15, 16, 14/242/1 & 242/2 Situated at **BILEKAHALLI VILLAGE, new the layout called as SARVABHOUMANAGAR, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk,** Bommanahalli CMC Ward No. **23**, presently **BBMP ward No.188, measuring** East to West **30 Feet** and North to South **90 Feet,** totally measuring **2700 Square Feet** together with building standing thereon, stilt floor 24 squares Ground Floor, First Floor each floor consisting of 24 squares, Second Floor 12 Squares, vertified Tiles Flooring, together with Electrical, water and sanitation connections, sump tank with motor including auto level controller, with all Electrical Fittings with panel board together with Tube Light Fittings, Light Fittings, Bulbs, Ceiling Fans in all the Rooms, Bath Room Fittings, wardrobes in Each Portion, Over head tank, Geysers and Lift, with all civic amenities and BWSSB connections together with rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on: **East by** : Property Nos. 3, 4 and 5, **West by** : Road, **North by** : Property No. 17, **South by** : Road.

Sd/- **M/s. Yuktha Legal**
Advocates & Solicitors
403, 4th Floor, Victory Avenue,
16, Hospital Road, BANGALORE-560 053.
Mob: 9008349272
Bangalore Dated: 03.05.2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public is hereby informed that our client/s intends to purchase the immoveable property described in the SCHEDULE hereunder from its owner, Mrs. **MALLINENI ANUSHA,** aged about 33 years, daughter of Sri. Chinna Ramanaiah, residing at no.5-10A, Venkateshwara Nagar, Near Kurnool Road, Ongole, Prakasham District, ANDHRA PRADESH – 523 001.

Any person / bank / society / firm / company / institutions or any other body, having any legally enforceable claims, right, title, interest, ownership on the below mentioned Schedule property, may lodge their objections, claims in writing with the supporting documents with the undersigned within **07 (SEVEN)** days from the date of the issuance of this Public Notice, after which period our client/s shall proceed to sell the Schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCL of property bearing No.22, Present House List / Katha No.1-7/4-22, BBMP Katha No.449/447/329/7/4/22, formed in converted land bearing Survey No.7/4, situated at Thubarahalli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, BBMP Ward No.85, Bangalore, measuring east to west 30 feet, north to south 56 on the Eastern side and 55 feet on the Western side, in all measuring 1665 Square feet or 154.68 Square Meters, and bounded on the:-

East by : Plot bearing No.20;
West by : Plot bearing No.24;
North by : Road;
South by : Private Property.

The SCHEDULE PROPERTY comprising of Building and the details of same as under:-

S.No.	Particulars	Description
1.	Stilt Floor Built area	1500 Sqft
2.	Ground Floor Built area	1500 Sqft
2.	First Floor Built area	1500 Sqft
3.	Second Floor Built area	1500 Sqft
4.	Third Floor Built area	1000 Sqft
5.	Fourth Floor Built area	500 Sqft

G.S. Srinivas,
AJS Advocates,
No. 8, "VSPV", 2nd Main, 9th Cross,
Indiranagar I Stage, Benglauru-560 038.
Mob.: 9845163155
Bengaluru Date: 03/05/2024

IN THE COURT OF THE III ADDL. CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE, AT BANGALORE
O.S. No. 999/2022

BETWEEN: Sri. Vignesh .R, S/o T. Ranganathan, aged about 29 years, Flat No.405, 4th floor, R/at Saiesha Nivas, 1st Main, 2nd Cross, Bhoganahalli main road, JCR Layout, Varthur Hobli, Panathur, Bangalore-560 103. **ALSO AT:** No.658/57, 11th Main, 33rd Cross, 4th Block Jayanagar, Bengaluru-560 011 ... **PLAINTIFF**

AND: M/s Chandan Jewellers And others ... **DEFENDANTS**

SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANT NO. 1,3,4,5,7 & 8 U/o (5) Rule 20 CPC

To. 1. M/s Chandan Jewellers, No.859, Shop No.2, 2nd Floor, Ellora Mansion, Nagarathapet, Benglauru-560 002, Rep. by its Proprietor, Sri. Krishna Kumar, **3. M/s Lakshmi Jewellery Works,** No.7, 3rd floor, Ganigara "B" Lane, Joripet, Near Gangamma Temple, Benglauru-560 002, Rep. by its Proprietor Sri. Ashishmandal, **4. Sri. Chirag Vikram Jain,** aged about 32 years, Father Name not known, No.207, New Paramanand Nagar, Devachand Nagar Road, Near Rani Sati Dham, Thane, Bhayander West, Thane, Maharastra-401 101, **5. Sri. Chamansilal.M. Jain,** aged about 34 years, Father Name not known, No.15, 5th Floor, Brindavan Tower, Ganigarapet, Nagarathpet Cross, Bengaluru- 560 002, **7. M/s Pure Gold Jewells,** No.5, Kalpataru Apartment, No.39, Peddar Road, Dr. G. Deshmukh Marg, Mumbai- 400 026, **8. M/s R.S. Jewelers,** No.502, 5th Floor, Co-Operative H.S.G. Society Limited, N.M. Joshi Marg, Near Byculla Railway Station, Byculla West, Mumbai-400 027, Rep. by its Proprietor Mr. Suraj Samanta

Whereas, the plaintiff above named has instituted the above suit against you for relief of permanent injunction from interfering with the plaintiff. You are hereby summoned to appear in the Court in person or through Advocate/pleader duly instructed and to answer the questions to the same on the day of **19/06/2024** at **11 '0' clock** in the forenoon to answer the claim.

Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day before mentioned, the suit will be heard and determined as Ex-parte

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Residential Apartment Flat No.405, 4th Floor, Saiesha Nivas, 1st Main, 2nd Cross, Bhoganahalli main road, JCR Layout, Varthur Hobli, Panathur, Bangalore-560 103

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this 02-05-2024

By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru.

Advocate for Plaintiff:
Sheshachalam Aishwarya
OFF No:2/4, 1st Floor, Mourya Mansion
1st Main, 1st Cross, Gandhinagar
BENGALURU- 560 009.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, the undersigned advocate on behalf of my clients **Fazila Beghum & Others** have filed the petition for death certificate of deceased **Tawakalbee w/o late Adbul jabbar khan, who was died on 13-10-2003** at ward no 8, market road, Vijayapura town, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural district, If any of the parties who have objections or claims may dispute regarding the same could and same any other interested persons appear before the 2ND ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE and J.M.F.C at Devanahalli **on date of hearing on 28/5/24 at 11-00 AM in C.Mis No. 155/2024.**

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer
Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
Alifiya M, Advocate

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Tender Notice No.70/2024.
Dt.03.05.2024.
Supply Of Stores Items.
E-Procurement Tender Notice
PUB/0412

The Following Tenders Have Been Floated Online. Tenders Are Requested To Visit The Website **www.Ireps.Gov.In** And Submit Their Offers Online. The Tender Description, Qty, EMD, SD May Be Seen In Website. Offers Submitted Manually Will Not Be Accepted. Offers By Post Will Not Be Entertained. Tender Closing Time Is 14.30 Hrs Of The Due Date Of The Tender. "For All Indigenous Offers, EMD Will Be Accepted Only Via Online System As Available On **www.Ireps.Gov.In."**

Tender No.	Brief Description
LH245024A	Set of Regenerative Type Test
56.24.5043A	Procurement of 10 pair x0.50mm
LH245716	Disc Brake Unit
46.24.1024	Disconnecting &Earthing device
37.24.1416	Door hinge Foot with 4 holes
LM245142B	Unloading Equipment for 20 RP rakes
60.23.9983	Procurement of Shaft, Driving Axle
80.24.1200	Servo press -150RR
38.24.2387	Draft Gear with Follower
38.24.2186	Inner spring for casnub
29.24.1518	Set of Labyrinth Ring for Nose Suspended
33.24.1574	Elastomeric pad to M/s Escorts
45.23.1105A	LED type emergency light unit
33.24.1539	Carbon Brush Assembly for wheel set
56231261A	Deflector plate of axle counter
29.24.1386	Overhauling kit wiper motor
45.24.1072	Sealed maintenance free value
90.24.1016B	Stainless Steel Angle Moulding
45.24.1006A	110V/40AH Lead acid battery
25.24.4511	Tube for Suspension Unit for Hitachi
31.24.2183	Installation lever Assembly with Ball
31.24.1572	Draw and Buffer gear
31.24.1552	Carbon Brush (split) with flexible Terminal

Note:- Due dates of Tender Opening: SL.No 01 on dt.14.05.2024 SL No.02 on dt 15.05.2024 SL.No. 03 to 05 on dt 20.05.2024 SL.No 06 to 10 on dt 21.05.2024 SL.No 11 to 15 on dt 22.05.2024 .SL.No.16 to 18 on dt 27.05.2024 SL.No.19 on dt 28.05.2024 SL.No.20 on dt 29.05.2024 SL.No. SL.No.21 on dt 30.05.2024 SL.No.22 & 23 on dt 03.06.2024.

CORRIGENDUM

1) **Tender Notice No.66/2024** dt.05. 04.2024.Tender No .56.24.1005. due on 01.05.2024 Brief.Desc; PVC Insulated cable, coppe conductor May be read as due dt 16.05.2024

2) **Tender Notice No.66/2024** dt. 05.04.2024.Tender No.56.24.1004 Due on 29.04.2024 Brief Desc; PVC Signaling cable size May be read as due dt. 15.05.2024 insted of existing

Beside Above Mentioned Tenders There Are Other Tenders Having Value Below Rs. 25 Lakhs.

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Principal Chief Material Manager,
A0526 Secunderabad

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public at large that My client, **Sri. MAHESH .K, S/o Late MUNIREDDY,** aged about 33 years, R/at #31, 2nd Cross, Gangothri Road, K.R. Puram Extension, K.R. Puram, Bengaluru-560 036.is the absolute owner of the residential Site described here under the scheduled property.

My client state that the original Sale Deed dated **04-02-2020, Registered in Book No-1, Doc. No. DNH-1-10106-2019-20, Stored in CD No.DNHD964,** registered before the Sub-registrar office at Devanahalli, Bengaluru. Pertaining to the scheduled property Mentioned below has been lost near the K.R. Puram.

Therefore, the public at large is hereby informed that in the event of anybody finding the said document, kindly hand over the same to us. And further the Public at large are hereby warned not to deal with the schedule property without there being our client involvement and specific consent for the same.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property residential Site No.3, comes under the property No.199/1, 199/3B and 200, situated at Budigere village Panchayathi Katha No. 199/1/199/3B/200/3, Situated at Budigere Village, Chennarayapattana Hobli, Devanahalli Hobli, Bengaluru Rural District. Measuring East to West: 30 feet and North to south: (52.9+52)/2 feet, in all total1573 Square Feet and bounded on: **East:** Site No. 02, **West :** Site No. 04, **North:** Private Property, **South:** Road

H.S. RADHA KRISHNA, Advocate
No.100, Behind Manasa Cafe, Old Madras Road, K R Puram, Bengaluru-560036.
M:9448669230, ssralkshmi1@gmail.com,
Date:04-05-2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that My client **Mr. Ravi Kumar .N,** S/o Narayanappa .N, is intending to purchase in respect of the schedule property fully described in the schedule hereunder with Sri Nagarajuna Reddy Arekuti, S/o, Mr. Koti Reddy resident of No. 1-288, 1-2/3 to 1-311, Main Bazar, Gudipudi, Guntur, Andhrapradesh.

Any person/s having any right, title or interest over the schedule property may file their objections supported by any documents with the undersigned **within 15 days** from the date of the publication of this notice. Any claim/s received after the stipulated period will not be entertained and the same will not be binding on my client and my client will proceed to purchase the same.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the immovable Residential Property bearing Plot No.317 in "CONFIDENT ATRIA" E-Khata No. 150200102700200545 formed in Converted land in Sy No 23/3, vide Conversion Order bearing No. ALN (A) (SH) SR No.179/2010-11 dated 27.01.2011 and ALN (A) (S) SR:387/2009-10 Dated 28.04.2010, layout plan was approved by the Anekal Planning Authority vide order bearing No. APA/LAO/67/2010-11, Dt 18-02-2011, Situated at Billapura Village, Sarjapura Hobli. Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, Measuring East to West 9.11352 Mtr and North to South 14.81328 Mtr of Site/plot Area totally 135 Sq Mtr or 1453 sq feet and bounded on: **East by:** Plot No.318, **West by:** Plot No.316, **North by:** Road (9 meter), **South by:** Private property.

Address for Service:
AMARESHA.M & ASSOCIATES
Chambers at No. 1/4, 3rd Floor
Dubai Complex, 1st Main, Gandhinagar
Bengaluru-5600 09.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, the undersigned advocate on behalf of my clients **Sri. Anjinappa and another** has filed the petition for death certificate of deceased **Late. Premamma w/o Anjinappa, who was died on 30-06-2018** at Mangodhanahalli Village, Kundhana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural district, If any of the parties who have objections or claims may dispute regarding the same could and same any other interested persons appear before the 2ND ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE and J.M.F.C Devanahalli on date of hearing **on 23/5/24 at 11-00 A.M in C.Mis No. 156/2024.**

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer
Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
Chikkegowda .N, Advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, the undersigned advocate on behalf of my clients **Sri. Muninarayanamma & Others** has filed the petition for death certificate of deceased **Sri Late. Chikkanarasimhappa S/o Late.Nallappa, who was died on 09-08-2016** at Dandiganahalli Village, Vijayapura Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural district, If any of the parties who have objections or claims may dispute regarding the same could and same any other interested persons appear before the 2ND ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE and J.M.F.C at Devanahalli **on date of hearing on 5/6/2024 at 11-00 AM in C.Mis No. 112/2024.**

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer
Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
Chikkegowda .N, Advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, the undersigned advocate on behalf of my clients **Sri. V.C. Manjunatha & Others** have filed the petition for death certificate of deceased **Late. Nanjamma w/o late Chikkathimmaiah, who was died on 11-12-1991** at Vishwanathapura Village, Kundhana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural district. If any of the parties who have objections or claims may dispute regarding the same could and same any other interested persons appear before the 2ND ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE and J.M.F.C at Devanahalli on date of hearing **on 12/6/2024 at 11-00 AM in C.Mis No. 132/2023.**

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer
Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
Chikkegowda .N, Advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client has negotiated to purchase the property shown in the Schedule below from **Mr. L. GOVINDA RAJAN,** S/o Late Mr. G Lakshmaiah, Presently R/at No.107, Sushila Road, Dodda Mavalli, Bangalore - 560004. The above-named person has represented that he is the absolute owner of the Schedule Property. Any person/s, institution/s having any right, title, claim or interest of any nature in the Schedule Property or any objections of any manner whatsoever to the above sale transaction between my client and **Mr. L. GOVINDA RAJAN,** is/are hereby called upon to notify the undersigned and file objections/claims along-with supporting documents within **05 days** from the date of publication of this Notice at the address mentioned below. If no such claim is received, it would be deemed that the above mentioned owner has clear and marketable title to the property specified below and that others do not have any claim over the same and/or claims if any will be deemed to have been waived. Any claims raised thereafter shall not be entertained or binding on my client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ITEM No.1: ALL THAT PIECE and PARCEL of the **Southern Portion** of the Property bearing Municipal No.9/103, **New No.103, BBMP PID No.61-11-103,** situated at Mavalli Main Road, Mavalli (Earlier Sushila Road, still earlier Maistry Ramaiah Street, Dodda Mavalli), Bangalore, Corporation Ward No:143-Vishveshwarapuram (Old Ward No:61), Bangalore, Measuring East to West: 41 ½ Feet and North to South: 19 Feet, totally measuring **790.40 square feet**, having built-up area of 1500 Square feet and bounded on the:

East by : Maistry Ramaiah's Street (later Sushila Road, Now Mavalli Main Road), West by : M. Srinivasa Murthy's Property, North by : Earlier Smt.Kamalamma's House (Now Item No:2), South by : Late Sanjeevaiah's Property

ITEM No.2: ALL THAT PIECE and PARCEL of the **Northern Portion** of the Property bearing Municipal No.9/103, **New No.103/1,** Earlier No.9/103/1, **BBMP PID No.61-11-103/1,** situated at Mavalli Main Road, Mavalli (Earlier Sushila Road, still earlier Maistry Ramaiah Street, Dodda Mavalli), Bangalore-04, Corporation Ward No:143-Vishveshwarapuram (Old Ward No:61), Bangalore, measuring East to West: 41 Feet and North to South: 19 Feet, totally measuring **779 square feet**, having built-up area of 1500 Square feet, and bounded on the:

East by : Maistry Ramaiah's Street (later Sushila Road, Now Mavalli Main Road), West by : M. Srinivasa Murthy's Property, North by : Dr.Krishna Murthy's and Smt.Lakshmamma's House, South by : Property belonging to Smt.Jayamma (Now Item No.1)

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BEFORE THE COURT OF THE CITY CIVIL AND SESSION JUDGE (COMMERCIAL COURTS) AT BANGALORE
Com O. S. No. 750 / 2023 (CCH-89)

BETWEEN:
Mr. Prashanth H.N, S/o H C Narayana, #No 12, 6th A Cross, Boopasandra New Extn, Sanjaynagar, Bengaluru-94 **...PLAINTIFF**
-V/s-
M/s Akash Sruthi Spice India Ltd Company, Gajanana Nagara Sunkadakatte Bengaluru- by its Managing Director Mr. S. Durairaju **...DEFENDANT**

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT

M/s Akash Sruthi Spice India Ltd Company, Gajanana Nagara, Sunkadakatte Bengaluru- by its Managing Director Mr. S. Durairaju.

Whereas the plaintiff has instituted a suit for recovery of Rs. 45,20,000-00 along with interest @ 12% per annum against the defendant in Com. O.S. 750 / 2023, you the defendant is hereby summoned to appear in this court either in person or through your pleader on **22-6-2024 at 11.00 A M.** Take summons that in default of your appearance on the day and the time above mentioned, you shall be placed exparte.

Given Under By Hand & Seal of this Hon'ble Court on 23rd Day Of April 2024.

By the Order of the Court
Sd/- **Senior Sheristedar**
Commercial Court Unit,
City Civil Court, Bengaluru

Address for Plaintiff:
Mr. N. Sukumar Jain, Advocate,
No. 144, 10th Cross, 2nd Block,
R.T. Nagar, Bengaluru-560032.
(Mob) - 9845961636.

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ई-निविदा सूचना / E-TENDER NOTICE दिनांक/Dated : 01-05-2024

भारत के राष्ट्रपति की ओर से, निम्नलिखित कार्यों हेतु ई-**निविदा** द्वारा मद-दर निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती हैं।
On Behalf of the President of India, item-rate tenders are invited through e-tendering for the following works:

क्र.सं. / Sl. No.	कार्यों के नाम [सिविल कार्य क्र.सं. 01, 02, 03 व 04 : विद्युत कार्य - क्र.सं. 05 व 06 : वातानुकूलन कार्य - क्र.सं. 07] / Name of The Works [Civil Works - Sl.no: 01, 02, 03 & 04 : Electrical Work - Sl.no: 05 & 06 : Air Conditioning Works - Sl.no: 07]	प्राक्कलित लागत / Estimated Cost ₹(लाखों में) (in Lakhs)	कार्य पूरा होने की अवधि / Period of completion	ईएमडी / EMD(₹)
1	एनआईटी सं:आईपीआरसी/सीएमजी/टीडी/ई-09/एमआई/सीपीएच-09/2024-25	NIT no:IPRC/CMG/TD/e-09/MI/CPH-09/2024-25		
	इसरो हाउसिंग कॉलोनी, वल्लियूर में जल टंकी और प्लव वाल्व के प्रतिस्थापन के लिए कार्यकारी प्लेटफार्म प्रदान करना। Providing working platform for water tank and replacement of float valves at ISRO housing colony, Valliyoor.	7.90	03 (तीन महीने / Three Months)	15,800
2	एनआईटी सं:आईपीआरसी/सीएमजी/टीडी/ई-37/एमए/सीपीएच-18/2024-25	NIT no:IPRC/CMG/TD/e-37/MA/CPH-18/2024-25		
	आईपीआरसी, महेंद्रगिरि के सीआईएसएफ/अनिवार्य कर्मचारी हाउसिंग कॉलोनी में घरों से कचरा संग्रह आदि सहित रूट जोन बेड, तरलित मीडिया रिएक्टर, कम्पोस्ट मशीन, पंप, जल टंकी, सेप्टिक टंकी, सामान्य सुविधाओं, जैसी सिविल प्रणाली का प्रचालन और रखरखाव। Operation & Maintenance of Civil Systems such as Root Zone Bed, Fluidized Media Reactors, Compost Machines, Pumps, Water Tanks, Septic Tanks, Common Facilities, including collection of garbage from house-holds etc. in CISF/Essential staff housing colony, IPRC, Mahendragiri.	26.70	12 (बारह महीने / Twelve Months)	53,400
3	एनआईटी सं:आईपीआरसी/सीएमजी/टीडी/ई-42/एमए/सीपीएच-21/2024-25	NIT no:IPRC/CMG/TD/e-42/MA/CPH-21/2024-25		
	आईपीआरसी, महेंद्रगिरि की परिधि के साथ आरआर चिनाई कम्पाउण्ड दीवार और बिटुमेनी शीर्ष सुरक्षा ट्रैक का अनुरक्षण और रखरखाव। Maintenance and up keeping of RR masonry Compound wall and Bituminous Top Security Track along the periphery of IPRC, Mahendragiri.	27.51	12 (बारह महीने / Twelve Months)	55,100
4	एनआईटी सं:आईपीआरसी/सीएमजी/टीडी/ई-43/एमए/सीपीएच-22/2024-25	NIT no:IPRC/CMG/TD/e-43/MA/CPH-22/2024-25		
	आईपीआरसी हाउसिंग कॉलोनी, नागरकोविल में सिविल और पी.एच. प्रणालियों का प्रचालन और रखरखाव। Operation and maintenance of Civil and PH Systems at IPRC Housing colony, Nagercoil.	78.72	12 (बारह महीने / Twelve Months)	1,57,500
5	एनआईटी सं:आईपीआरसी/सीएमजी/टीडी/ई-36/एमए/ईलई-14/2024-25	NIT no:IPRC/CMG/TD/e-36/MA/ELE-14/2024-25		
	आईपीआरसी, महेंद्रगिरि के 11 सं. में 11kV/415 V सब स्टेशनों का प्रचालन और अनुरक्षण हेतु कार्य संविदा। Work contract for Operation and maintenance of 11 Nos of 11kV/415 V Sub-stations at IPRC,Mahendragiri.	60.32	12 (बारह महीने / Twelve Months)	1,20,700
6	एनआईटी सं:आईपीआरसी/सीएमजी/टीडी/ई-44/एमए/ईलई-16/2024-25	NIT no:IPRC/CMG/TD/e-44/MA/ELE-16/2024-25		
	इसरो हाउसिंग कॉलोनी, वल्लियूर में एल.टी. अधिष्ठापनाओं का विद्युत संबंधी रखरखाव कार्य। Electrical Maintenance Works of LT installations in ISRO Housing Colony at Valliyoor.	32.32	12 (बारह महीने / Twelve Months)	64,700
7	एनआईटी सं:आईपीआरसी/सीएमजी/टीडी/ई-39/एमए/एसी-01/2024-25	NIT no: IPRC/CMG/TD/e-39/MA/AC-01/2024-25		
	आईपीआरसी, महेंद्रगिरि में उपलब्ध मानक ए.सी. यूनिटों, आर.ओ. कूलरों आर.ओ. संयंत्रों, वॉक इन कूलरों और रेफ्रिजरेटरों के रखरखाव के लिए कार्य संविदा। Work Contract for Maintenance of Standard AC Units, RO Coolers, RO Plants, Walk in coolers & Refrigerators available at IPRC, Mahendragiri.	49.03	12 (बारह महीने / Twelve Months)	98,100

ऑनलाइन निवेदन करने की तिथि : Dates for Online Request : From **04-05-2024 [10:00 बजे/hours]** से To: **17-05-2024 [18:00 बजे/hours]** तक।
नियत समय व प्रस्तुतीकरण की तिथि : Due Date & Time of Submission : **20-05-2024 [18:00 बजे/hours]** तक।
अधिक जानकारी के लिए देखें : For further details visit: www.isro.gov.in/tenders (या/or) www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO.
नोट : उपर्युक्त कार्य (कार्यों) के लिए भविष्य में सभी पत्राचार (शुद्धिपत्र) केवल उपर्युक्त वेबसाइट पर ही प्रकाशित किए जाएंगे।
Note : All future correspondence (Corrigenda) for the above work(s) shall be published only on the websites mentioned above.

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Market Watch

MARKET				GOLD				SILVER		FOREX	
732.96 ↓	Sensex	73,878.15	₹540 ↓	24 carat (10 gm)	₹71,880	1 kg	₹83,500	↑ Dollar	83.42
172.35 ↓	Nifty	22,475.85	₹500 ↓	22 carat (10 gm)	₹65,900	10 gm	₹835	↑ Euro	89.90

Apple needs to make in India: CEO

iPhone maker aims to manufacture 25% of total iPhone production in the country by 2025

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

APPLE needs to manufacture in India to stay in competition, said CEO Tim Cook on Friday. Cook, speaking at its investors' call for the second quarter ending March 2024, added that India is an 'incredibly exciting' market and it's a major focus for Apple.

"In terms of the operational side or supply chain side, we are producing there, from a pragmatic point of view, you need to produce there to be competitive," said Cook.

The US tech giant has been assembling smartphones in India through contract manufacturers since 2017. Apple assembled $14 billion worth of iPhones in India during fiscal 2024, constituting 14% of their global iPhone production. This reflects Apple's strategy to diversify its production base away from China. As per reports, Apple aims to make 25% of total iPhone production in India by 2025. Currently, they assemble iPhones ranging from the iPhone 12 to the latest iPhone 15 in India, but not the higher-spec Pro and Pro Max models. Talking about growth in India, Cook added that the company achieved double-digit growth in the country, leading to a record-breaking March quarter for Apple in India.

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"Sure. We did grow strong double-digit. And so we were very, very pleased about it. It was a new March quarter revenue record for us. As you know, as I've said before, I see it as an incredibly exciting market and it's a major focus for us," said Cook.

In 2023, Apple opened two retail stores in Delhi and Mumbai. Cook said the company is continuing to expand its channels and is also working on the developer ecosystem.

"We just opened a couple of stores as last year, as you know, and we see enormous opportunity there. We're continuing to expand our channels, and also working on the developer ecosystem as well. And we've been very pleased that there is a rapidly-growing base of developers there. And so, we're working all of the entire ecosystem from developer to the market to operations, the whole thing," said Cook.

Meanwhile, Apple, in its second-quarter result for its fiscal 2024, posted quarterly revenue of $90.8 billion, down 4% year-on-year, and quarterly earnings per diluted share of $1.53. The iPhone maker said that its board had authorized $110 billion in share repurchases, a 22% increase over last year's $90 billion authorization.

"Given our confidence in Apple's future and the value we see in our stock, our Board has authorized an additional $110 billion for share repurchases. We are also raising our quarterly dividend for the twelfth year in a row," said Luca Maestri, Apple's CFO.

Tax on 2-wheelers too high, market over-regulated: Bajaj

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

BAJAJ Auto managing director Rajiv Bajaj on Friday said auto sector is suffering from 'over-regulation' and this has led to a sharp rise in selling prices, making the product unaffordable for many. Bajaj also questioned the rate of taxation on two-wheelers, especially the commuter segment ones.

He said motorcycles that cater to the common citizen are levied a goods and services tax (GST) rate of 28%, which is very high compared to other developing markets.

"Why do we have to pay a GST of 28% on vehicles that the 'aam aadmi' uses…In most developing countries, including Asean and Latin American nations such as Brazil, the middle- to lower-end motorcycles fall in the tax bracket of 8 to 14%," said Bajaj on the sidelines of the launch event of the new 400cc Pulsar motorcycle.

While Bajaj welcomed the introduction of BS-VI and other policy measures to cut emissions, he said making ABS compulsory is also a regulatory overkill.

"On one hand we want regulations at the highest level in terms of emissions, which is fine. But then the government should reconsider the GST at 12-18% and not at 28%," said Bajaj. Not only Bajaj, but other players in the industry as well have been seeking a rate cut for two-wheelers from the government to boost sales which are yet to bounce back to pre-Covid levels. FADA, the automobile dealers association body, had written a letter to the Road Ministry in 2023, asking for a GST rate cut for two-wheelers, predominantly within the 100-125cc segment which accounts for more than two-thirds of total two-wheeler sales.

FADA had cited that due to rising cost of raw materials, stricter emission norms and higher taxes, the price of the popular Honda Activa has escalated from ₹52,000 in 2016 to ₹88,000 in 2023. Bajaj Pulsar has witnessed a substantial increase in price from ₹72,000 in 2016 to ₹1.5 lakh last year.

The government, meanwhile, hasn't shown any interest or hinted at lowering the GST rate on two-wheelers. Tax experts feel lowering GST rates on two-wheelers will have a significant impact on the government's overall GST collection in the short term. Bajaj Auto on launched its biggest Pulsar brand bike, the Pulsar NS400Z, which comes with an introductory price of ₹1.85 lakh.

ASIANOMICS

SRI LANKA

LANKAN RUPEE GAINS OVER MAJOR CURRENCIES

Sri Lankan rupee, which depreciated because of unprecedented economic crisis since 2022, has started to make gains in comparison to other currencies, State Minister for Finance Ranjith Siyambalapitiya said on Friday. During the first four months of the year the currency had appreciated 9.1% against US dollar, 12.7% against Euro, 10.8% against UK pound, 11.4% against Chinese Yuan, 21% against Yen, 9.5% against Indian rupee and 14.2% against Australian dollar. When the economy slumped during the first quarter of 2022, which led to the announcement of its first-ever sovereign default, Sri Lanka was assisted by India for imports of essentials. The currency was boosted by the Reserve Bank of India's extended currency swaps. The Indian assistance was worth over $4 billion which provided a lifeline to the ailing economy until the deal for an IMF bailout of $2.9 billion was sealed in March 2023. Sri Lanka has maintained strict financial discipline while taking unpopular decisions to facilitate economic recovery.

JAPAN

MAY 1 INTERVENTION MAY HAVE COST $23.6 BN: BOJ

The latest Bank of Japan (BOJ) data has shown that some 3.66 trillion yen ($23.59 billion) have been spent on Wednesday in an attempt to pull the yen back from near 34-year lows. The Ministry of Finance of the country may have spent nearly 6 trillion yen intervening in the market on Monday to prop up the currency after it dropped to 160.245/dollar for first time since April 1990, data showed. The yen was trading at around 157.55/dollar on Wednesday when it suddenly gained momentum, strengthening as far as 153 over the following half hour. The Ministry of Finance each time fell to say whether or not it was behind the yen rallies, only repeating its readiness to step in at any time to stem disorderly moves. Currency trades take two business days to settle, and Japan's markets are closed for public holidays on May 6 and May 7. BOJ's projection for money market conditions on May 8 indicates a 4.36 trillion yen net receipt of funds as against 700 billion-1.1 trillion yen estimate from money market brokerages that excludes intervention.

THAILAND

HEADLINE INFLATION RISES IN APRIL AFTER 6 MONTHS

As fuel prices see an upward trend, Thailand's headline inflation in April rose to 0.19%, edging into positive territory for the first time in six months, according to an official statement. The country's headline inflation in April rose to 0.19%, the Commerce Ministry's Trade Policy and Strategy Office (TPSO) said on Friday. The headline inflation is based on the consumer price index, which in April rose slightly from the previous month by 0.03% to 108.16. Meanwhile, core inflation in April was at 104.66, expanding 0.37% year on year. Current trend suggests inflation in May could expand by 1% to 1.5% year-on-year, according to Commerce Ministry's Trade Policy and Strategy Office. Thailand is still classified as a low-inflation economy. As of the end of March, Thailand's inflation was the fifth lowest among 136 economies that announced their figures, and was the second lowest in ASEAN. The prices of vegetables and fruits also rose due to the impact of the hot weather that resulted in lower crop output, said Poonpong, adding that this also resulted in higher prices for dining out. Meanwhile, food items that saw decreased prices from the previous month include pork, mackerel, vegetable oil, and garlic.

Sensex, Nifty decline 1% as investors book profit at peak

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

DOMESTIC equity market fell sharply on Friday, ending deep in the red amid broad-based profit booking at record high level. Benchmark index BSE Sensex shed 733 points, or 0.98%, to end at 73,878 while Nifty50 closed the session 173 points or 0.76% lower at 22,476.

The Sensex had plunged 1,143 points intraday to hit the day's low of 73,468, while the Nifty50 fell below the 22,350 mark. "Profit booking and a degree of caution ahead of the release of the US non-farm payroll resulted in selling pressure in the market. However, the absence of significant negative surprises in Q4 earnings thus far, along with a decline in oil prices, might help to mitigate the downside," said Vinod Nair, head of research, Geojit Financial Services.

Nair added that though the correction was broad-based, the large-cap stock was the key underperformer due to the moderation of FII's exposure to the domestic market. Foreign institutional investors' net sales from local equities stood at 2,392, as per provisional NSE data. Twenty-four of the 30 Sensex stocks, and 35 of the 50 Nifty shares closed in the red on Friday, led by L&T, Maruti Suzuki, Reliance Industries, Nestle India, JSW Steel, and Bharti Airtel. In the broader markets, BSE MidCap and SmallCap indices declined 0.2% and 0.55%, respectively. The overall market capitalisation of BSE-listed firms fell more than ₹2.3 lakh crore to nearly ₹406.2 lakh crore.

Prashanth Tapse of Mehta Equities said geopolitical tension would make headlines again giving traders an option to go short on markets.

"Overall, the Q4 earnings are ranging from neutral to positive and are not particularly impressive. There are some reports indicating that Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) have decreased their holdings in large-cap stocks such as HDFC Bank and ITC. In the short term, the trend remains cautious, with the focus shifting towards new geopolitical developments. Hence, we advise traders to remain light on positions," added Tapse.

HDFC gets RBI nod for 2nd term of Chakraborty

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

HDFC Bank on Friday said the Reserve Bank has approved a second three-year term for Atanu Chakraborty as its part-time chairman and an independent director, ending May 2027.

The bank, in a statement, said the regulatory approval came in May 2, and is effective from May 5, through May 4, 2027. Following this the board on Friday approved the re-appointment, the statement said. Chakraborty is a retired IAS officer of the 1985 batch Gujarat cadre and has served the government for 35 years. was also Union finance secretary during FY20 apart from being the divestment secretary. He retired in April 2020 and was appointed the bank chairman in May 2021 for a three years term.

State-run BSNL loses 18 mn customers in FY24

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

STATE-owned telecom service provider Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) lost 18 million customers in the last financial year (FY24), bringing its customer base to 88.06 million.

According to the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), BSNL lost 2.3 million customers in March 2024 alone. With this loss, the state-owned telecom service provider becomes the second telecom operator in the country after Vodafone Idea Limited (VIL), which has not been able to arrest its subscriber depletion. Industry experts attribute this decline to a lack of investment in network upgrades, as BSNL is yet to roll out its high-speed 4G and 5G networks for its customers.

BSNL lost 2.3 million customers in March 2024, followed by Vodafone Idea Limited (VIL), which lost 0.68 million in the same month. On the other hand, both Reliance Jio and Bharti Airtel gained customers, with 2.14 million and 1.76 million new customers, respectively.

The market share of BSNL has also come down to 7.57% as of March 2024, while its competitors, private telecom service providers, are cementing its position. According to TRAI, Reliance Jio becomes the largest telecom service provider with a 40.30% in the country, followed by Bharti Airtel with a 33.10% and Vodafone Idea with an 18.86% of the telecom market share.

Throughout the year, the stae-owned telecom service provider was not able to stop its subscriber loss.

TRAI data reveals that in April 2023, BSNL experienced its highest-ever customer loss, with 2.99 million subscribers leaving its network, followed by 2.81 million in May 2023.

Q4FY24 RESULTS

Adani Green net profit declines 39% to ₹310 crore

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

ADANI Green Energy Ltd (AGEL) on Friday reported a 38.85% fall in consolidated net profit to ₹310 crore for the March quarter, mainly on account of increased expenses.

Net profit stood at ₹507 crore in the January-March period of the preceding 2022-23, the company said in an exchange filing. During the fourth quarter of FY24, the company's total income fell to ₹2,806 crore from ₹2,977 crore a year ago.

Expenses increased to ₹2,379 crore during the period under review, as against ₹2,053 crore in the year-ago period. In a separate statement, the company said its operational capacity grew at 35% YoY to 10,934 MW with greenfield addition of 2,848 MW renewable capacity, including 2,418 MW solar and 430 MW wind projects. With this, AGEL became the first company in India to cross the 10,000 MW renewable energy capacity.

Bank of Maha net profit up 45% at ₹1,218 crore

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) reported a 45% year-on-year (Y-o-Y) rise in the fourth quarter (Q4FY24) with net profit at ₹1,218 crore against ₹840 crore, buoyed by healthy growth in net interest income and non-interest income, and relatively lower tax provision burden. The bank also announced a dividend of ₹1.40 per equity share of ₹10 face value for FY24 and approved raising of ₹7,500 crore capital, including equity issuance, in FY25. Total deposits rose 15.66% YoY to ₹2,70,747 crore as at March-end 2024.

MRF net profit increases 16% to ₹396 crore

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

TYRE maker MRF on Friday reported a 16% rise in its consolidated net profit at ₹396 crore for the fourth quarter ending March 2024. The company had reported a net profit of ₹341 crore for the January-March quarter of the preceding fiscal.

Revenue from operations rose to ₹6,349 crore in the last fiscal as against ₹5,842 crore in 2022-23. For the entire financial year ended March 2024, the tyre maker said its net profit stood at ₹2,081 crore as compared to ₹769 crore in FY23.

Revenue from operations increased to ₹25,169 crore in FY24 as compared to ₹23,008 crore in FY23. The company said its board has recommended a final dividend of ₹1,941 per share of Rs 10 each. The company has already paid two interim dividends of Rs 31 per share each time for the financial year ended March 2024.

Titan reports 5% rise in net profit to ₹771 crore

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

TITAN Company on Friday registered a 5% rise in consolidated profit after tax to ₹771 crore for the March quarter.

The company posted a profit after tax (PAT) of ₹736 crore in the year-ago period. Total income rose to ₹11,472 crore during the period under review from ₹9,419 crore in the fourth quarter of the 2022-23 financial year. For the year ended March 31, 2024, the company posted a consolidated PAT of ₹3,496 crore as compared with ₹3,274 crore in FY23.

Total income for FY24 stood at ₹47,501 crore as compared with ₹38,675 crore in the 2022-23 fiscal.

"As we look forward to FY25, all businesses of the company are single-mindedly continuing to focus on satisfying the ever-evolving needs of our lifestyle consumers," Titan Company MD C K Venkataraman said.

RBI lowers margin funding limits to 30% from 50%

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

FOLLOWING the stock exchanges reducing the trade settlement time from two days to one-day, (T+1) and now in select equities T+0, the Reserve Bank on Friday reduced the maximum risk to the custodian banks issuing irrevocable payment commitments (IPCs) to 30% from the existing 50%.

The monetary authority in a notification to all commercial banks said the move is on the assumption of downward price movement of the equities bought by foreign institutional investors/mutual funds on the two successive days from the trade date.

The notification further said the risk mitigation measures prescribed in the December 2011 circular were based on T+2 rolling settlement for equities. But since stock exchanges have now introduced T+1 rolling settlement, the extant guidelines on IPC issuance have been reviewed.

Henceforth, all IPCs issued by custodian banks under the T+1 settlement cycle the clause giving banks an inalienable right over securities to be received as pay out in any settlement will not be insisted if the transactions are pre-funded. The notification further said, "the maximum intraday risk to banks issuing IPCs will be reckoned as capital market exposure at 30% of the settlement amount assuming 20% downward price movement of the equities on T+1, with an additional margin of 10 percent for further downward price movement."

In the margin money is paid in cash, the exposure will be reduced by the amount of the margin paid.

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
(Under Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002)

E-Auction sale notice for sale of Immovable property under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with proviso to rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged /charged to the **seccured creditor,** the possession of which has been taken by the **Canara Bank, ARM Branch II Bangalore-1** will be sold **on "As is where is", "As is what is", and " Whatever there is"** basis for recovery of outstanding dues from below mentioned Borrowers. The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit is mentioned below.

Name of Borrowers and Guarantors	Total Liabilities as per Sale Notice	Description of Immovable Assets	Auction Date & Time	Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposit [EMD] Date & Time	1) Incremental Value at Bid 2) A/c No. & IFSC
1. Sri T N Ravindra 25, I B Layout, 60 ft road, Near Gnanabhodini School Nagadevanahalli, Bengaluru - 560059. **2. Smt. Mahalakshmi** W/O Ravindra 25, I B Layout, 60ft road, Near Gnanabhodini School Nagadevanahalli, Bengaluru - 560059.	**Rs. 10,06,65,954.41/-** (Rupees Ten Crores six lakhs sixty five thousand nine hundred and fifty four and Forty one Paise only) of Sri T N Ravindra and Smt. Mahalakshmi including costs and interest as on 03.05.2024 together with future interest, expenses and costs etc till realization.	All that piece and parcel of Property in Western portion North side Property No 2/2 BBMP Khatha No 588/435/2/2, Nagadevanahalli Village , Kengeri Hobli Beangalore South Taluk Bangalore 560056 measuring 3232.75 Sq ft bounded on the North by Road and Others Property, South by Western portion of property no 2/2 Middle portion, East by eastern portion of Property no 2/2 and West by Property of Moogappa/Private layout	22.05.2024 10.30 A M to 11.00 A M	**Reserve Price:** Rs. 98,20,000/- **EMD:** Rs. 9,82,000/- **before 20.05.2024 at 3.00pm.**	1) Multiples of Rs. 2,00,000/- 2) A/c No. 209272434 IFSC : CNRB0006298 **Encumbrance (s):** Not known to Bank

OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS

a) Auction/bidding shall be only through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website https://www.indianbankseauction.com. Bidders are advised to go through the website for detailed terms before taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings.
b) The property can be inspected, with Prior Appointment with Authorised Officer
c) The property will be sold for the price which is more than the Reserve Price and the participating bidders may improve their offer further during auction process.
d) EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited by way of DD favouring Authorised officer, Canara Bank, ARM Branch II, Bangalore OR through online (RTGS/NEFT/Fund Transfer) to credit the account number 209272434, Canara Bank, ARM Branch II, RTGS/NEFT IFSCCODE CNRB0006298 on or before 20.05.2024- 3.00 p.m.
e) Intending bidders shall hold a valid digital signature certificate and e-mail address. For details with regard to digital signature please contact the service provider M/s.Canbank Computer Services Ltd, Bangalore - e- mail: eauction@ccsl.co.in Contact Numbers:- P H - 9480691777 & 9832952602.
f) After payment of the EMD amount, the intending bidders should submit a copy of the following documents/details on or before 20.05.2024 - 3.00 PM, to Canara Bank, ARM Branch II Bangalore by hand.
   i) Demand Draft/Pay order towards EMD amount. If paid through RTGS/NEFT, acknowledgement receipt thereof with UTR No.
   ii) Photocopies of PAN Card, ID Proof and Address proof. However, successful bidder would have to produce these documents in original to the Bank at the time of making payment of balance amount of 25% of bid amount.
   iii) Bid form to be submitted.
g) The intending bidders should register their names at service provider M/s.Canbank Computer Services Ltd, Bangalore and get their User ID and password free of cost. Prospective bidder may avail online training on E- auction from the service provider M/s.Canbank Computer Services Ltd, Bangalore - e- mail: eauction@ccsl.co.in Contact Numbers:- P H – 9480691777 & 9832952602.
h) EMD deposited by the unsuccessful bidder shall be refunded to them. The EMD shall not carry any interest.
i) Auction would commence at Reserve Price, as mentioned above. Bidders shall improve their offers in multiplies of Rs. 2,00,000/-. The bidder who submits the highest bid (above the Reserve price) on closure of 'Online' auction shall be declared as successful bidder. Sale shall be confirmed in favour of the successful bidder, subject to confirmation of the same by the secured creditor.
j) The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of EMD already paid), immediately on declaring him/her as the successful bidder and the balance within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. If the successful bidder fails to pay the sale price, the deposit made by him shall be forfeited by the Authorised Officer without any notice and property shall forthwith be put up for sale again.
k) For sale proceeds of Rs.50.00 lacs (Rupees Fifty Lacs only) and above, the successful bidder will have to deduct TDS at the applicable rate on the Sale proceeds and submit the original receipt of TDS certificate to the Bank.
l) All charges for conveyance, stamp duty/GST, registration charges, tax arrears, other charges, dues etc., as applicable shall be borne by the successful bidder only.
m) Authorised Officer reserves the right to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and conditions of the e-auction without assigning any reason thereof.
n) In case there are bidders who do not have access to the internet but interested in participating the e-auction, they can approach concerned Circle office or Canara Bank ARM branch II who, as a facilitating centre, shall make necessary arrangements.
o) Bidder has to make due diligence and physical verification of property with regard to title, extent, area dues, etc. No claim subsequent to submission of bid shall be entertained by the bank
p) For further details contact Ranjan Kumar, Chief Manager, Canara Bank, ARM Branch-2- (080-25310181) e-mail id or the service provider M/s.Canbank Computer Services Ltd, Bangalore - e- mail: eauction@ccsl.co.in Contact Numbers:- P H - 9480691777 & 9832952602

SPECIAL INSTRUCTION/CAUTION

Bidding in the last minutes/seconds should be avoided by the bidders in their own interest. Neither Canara Bank nor the Service Provider will be responsible for any lapses/failure (Internet failure, Power failure, etc.) on the part of the bidder or vendor in such cases. In order to ward off such contingent situation, bidders are requested to make all the necessary arrangements/alternatives such as back - up, power supply and whatever else required so that they are able to circumvent such situation and are able to participate in the auction successfully. The property will not be sold below the Reserve Price.

Place : Bangalore Sd/-
Date : 03.05.2024 **Authorised Officer, Canara Bank**

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client, is indenting to purchase the schedule Property from its owner's **(1).Smt. Vasthsala Rao,** W/o. Late. N.M. Narasimha Rao, and **(2). Sri. Narasimha Raghavendra Prasanna,** S/o. Late. N.M. Narasimha Rao, both are R/at: Villa. No.159 RBD Still Waters, Haralur Village, Bangalore

Any person(s) including an individual, a Hindu Undivided family, a Company, Banks, financial Intuitions(s), Non- Banking financial(s), a firm, an association of persons or a body of individuals, having right, title and interest of whatsoever nature in/ claim over the schedule property may lodge objections or claim in writing with all supporting documentary evidence (authenticated) with regard to such claim with the undersigned within **10 days** from this date of Publication of this Notice, failing which, my client will proceed to purchase the schedule property. Any objections /claim received thereafter will not be entertained /binding on my client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Southern Portion of Residential Property bearing No.12, and 13A, carved out of Sy. No.52/1 of Bilekahalli Village, Situated at Bilekahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, now Property come under the revenue jurisdictions of BBMP, Ward No.188, (Bilekahalli), having BBMP Khata No.468/465/56/12, Measuring East to West: 40 ft, and North to South: 22.5 ft, in total measuring 900 Sq. ft and Northern Portion of Residential Property bearing No.12, and 13A, carved out of Sy. No.52/1 of Bilekahalli Village, Situated at Bilekahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, now Property come under the revenue jurisdictions of BBMP, Ward No.188, (Bilekahalli), having BBMP Khata No.468/ 465/ 56/ 12/13A, Measuring East to West: 40 ft, and North to South: 22.5 ft, in total measuring 900 Sq. ft, and having Common boundaries bounded on: **East by:** Private Property, **West by:** Road, **North by :** Property No.13, **South by:** Property No.13 belong to K. Surendar

SURESH REDDY .K, Advocate
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PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

This is to inform the Public that the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Government of India has issued Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Clearance to Karnataka Maritime Board vide F.No. 11/56/2023-IA-III Dated: 29 April 2024 for "Development of Tadadi-Aghanshini Ferry Line in Kumta Taluk of Uttara Kannada District, Karnataka."

The Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Clearance issued by MoEF & CC, Government of India is available in the State Pollution Control Board (SPCB) and also available in the website of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change at http://parivesh.nic.in official portal.

Sd/- Executive Engineer Port Division, Karwar

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E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 9 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower / Co-Borrower/ Mortgagor (s) that the below-described immovable properties mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Cholamandalam investment and Finance Company Limited** the same shall be referred hereinafter as **Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited.** The Secured Assets will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is",** and **"Whatever there is"** basis through E-Auction.
It is hereby informed to the General public that we are going to conduct a public E-Auction through the **website https://bankauctions.in/**

Sl. No.	Account No. and Name of borrower, co- borrower, Mortgagors	Date & Amount as per Demand Notice U/s 13(2)	Descriptions of the property/Properties	Reserve Price / Earnest Money Deposit / Bid Increment Amount
1	Loan Account No. X0HEGAL00003498251. **(1) Vanajakshi V, (2) Vinod Raj V, (3) Venkataraju T,** All Are Residing At : No 23, 24th Main, 3rd A Cross, BTM 2nd, Stage, Bhannerghatta Road, Bangalore South, Karnataka - 560076. **(4) Cer18 Family Saloon And Spa,** No 972, G F, 17th Main, 7th Cross, Near Canara Bank BTM 2nd Stage, Bangalore South, Karnataka - 560076.	04.12.2021 Rs.34,01,700.96/- as on 04.12.2021 and (Corrigendum date : 25.05.2022)	All that piece and parcel of property bearing Eastern Portion of Site No.5 and Portion of Site No.4 in 13 Khatha No.13, Situated at Hongasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Presently Comes under the limits of BBMP and bounded on the: East by : Seenappa's Property, West by: Remaining portion of same property, North by : K.Naveen Kumar's property, South by: Road, Measuring East to West : 26 feet and North to South : 20 feet, in all measuring 520 Square feet. along with the building constructed thereon. Within the Registration District of Bangalore and Sub Registration Office.	**Rs.35,00,000/-** **Rs.3,50,000/-** **Rs.50,000/-**

E-Auction Date and Time : 23.05.2024 at 11:00 am to 1:00 PM (with unlimited extension of 5 min each), EMD Submission Last Date: 22.05.2024 (Up to 5.30 P.M.); Inspection Date: 20.05.2024 and 21.05.2024 (10.00 A.M. to 1.00 P.M)

1. All Interested participants / bidders are requested to visit the website **https://bankauctions.in/ & https://cholamandalam.com/news/auction-notices.** For details, help, procedure and online training on e-auction, prospective bidders may contact **Mr. Muhammed Rahees – 81240 00030, Ms.4 Closure; Contact Person: Jaya Prakash Reddy, Cell No. 8142000064, Email: info@bankauctions.in.**
2. For further details on terms and conditions please visit:- **https://bankauctions.in/ & https://cholamandalam.com/news/auction-notices** to take part in e-auction.

THIS IS ALSO A STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 9 (1) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES,2002

Date: 03.05.2024, Place : Bangalore **Sd/- Authorised Officer, Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited.**

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PUBLIC AUCTION SALE NOTICE

SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSET CHARGED TO THE BANK UNDER THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002. (SARFAESI ACT)

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and to the Borrower/s and Guarantor/s in particular that the under mentioned properties are mortgaged to **The National Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,** and taken possession under the provisions of Section 13(4) and Rule 8 (6) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, will be sold by Public Auction as mentioned below for recovery of under mentioned dues and further interest, charges and costs etc, as detailed below by adopting any of the methods mentioned in Rule 8(5)of the above rules. The property is being sold on **" AS IS WHERE IS AND AS IS WHAT IS AND WHATEVER THERE IS" AND "NO RECOURSE BASIS"** and as such the sale is without any kind of warranties and indemnities.

Sl. No.	Name and address of borrowers & Mortgagors and guarantors / sureties	Debt due (as on 30.04.2024 plus future interest and other charges, costs from thereon.)	Date & Time of Public Auction	Description of the Property	Reserve Price	EMD	Bid Increment	Branch Manager's Name & Phone Number
1	**1) M/s. Avion Network,** Offce at No.174/40, Lucky Paradise, 8th 'F' Main, 3rd Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560011. **2) Sri. C.N. Nagendra,** No.98, 1st Cross, 11th Main, Girinagar 3rd Phase, Bangalore-560085. **3) Smt. Nalina S Murthy, 4) Sri. Sreenivasa Murthy A, Both are Residing at :** No.406, Adishesha, Avalahalli BDA Layout, 5th Cross, 8th Main, BSK 3rd Stage, Bangalore 560085.	**Rs.4,95,85,000/- (Rupees Four Crore Ninety Five Lakhs Eighty Five Thousand Only)**	**22.05.2024 10.30 AM**	**Property No. 1:** All that part and parcel of the Property bearing Site No.7 (SyNo.41/1,41/6, now Sy No's 41/1C,41/6B of Jalahalli),12th G Main Road, Muthyalnagar, Near Railway Track, Bengaluru Owned by Sri.A.Sreenivasamurthy& mortgaged in favor of the bank through Registered DTD, Measuring : East to West: 40 feet and North to South: 30 feet, Totally Measuring 1200 Sq.ft.and Bounded by, East By: Road, West By: Site No.12, North By: Site No.6, South By : Site No.8 – Others Property.	**Rs.1,25,00,000/- (Rupees One CroreTwenty Five Lakhs Only)**	**Rs.12,50,000/- (Rupees Twelve Lakh Fifty Thousand Only)**	**Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only)**	**Smt. Rama S Assistant General Manager, Gandhi Bazaar Branch, Mobile No. 7349784526.**
				Property No. 2 : Schedule A : All that part and parcel of the Property bearing old No. 174, New No. 174/40, 22nd Cross, Division No.59, 3rd Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru 560011. Totally measuring 9,600 Sq. ft. bounded by : East by : Road, West by : Property No.175, North by : 22nd Cross Road, South by: Property No. 195. **Schedule B :** All that part and parcel of Office Premises bearing No.18/C, First Floor, No. 174/40, Lucky Paradise, Jayanagar 3rd Block, 22nd Cross, Bengaluru-560011. belonging to Sri. C N Nagendra& Smt. Nalina S Murthy. With Super Built Up area 309.63 Sq. Ft. along with 120.50 Sq.ft. Undivided share in land over "Schedule A" property and bounded by : East by: Open to Sky, West by: Corridor, North by : Unit bearing No.18/B, South by : Unit bearing No.18/D.	**Rs. 81,00,000/- (Rupees Eighty One Lakhs Only)**	**Rs. 8,10,000/- (Rupees Eight Lakh Ten Thousand Only)**	**Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only)**	
				Property No. 3 : All that part and parcel of the Property No.406, 5th Cross, Avalahalli BDA Layout, Deepanjalinagar, BSK 3rd Stage, Bangalore-560026. Jointly Owned by Sri. A Sreenivasa Murthy and Smt. Nalina S Murthy. Measuring: East to West :9.15 Mts and North to South :12.10 Mts, Totally Measuring 110.70 Sq. Mts and Bounded by : East by: Site No.407, West by: Site No.405, North by: Site No.434, South by: Road.	**Rs. 1,83,00,000/- (Rupees One CroreEighty Three Lakhs Only)**	**Rs. 18,30,000/- (Rupees Eighteen Lakhs Thirty Thousand Only)**	**Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only)**	
2	**1) M/s. Olympic Sportswear &Equipments Pvt Ltd., 2) Sri. Ashok Kumar C.V. 3)Late Smt.Anitha Ashok Kumar (represented by legal heirs) 4)Sri.Akilesh Naga C.A. 5)Smt. Sindhu C Akhilesh All are residing at:** Plot No.9 4thPhase, Bommasandra Industrial Area (Sub Layout), Hosur Road, Bengaluru-560099.	**Rs.31,36,49,000/- (Rupees Thirty One Crore Thirty Six Lakhs Forty Nine Thousand Only)**	**22.05.2024 11.30 AM**	**Property No.1 :** All the piece and parcel of the property bearing Apartment bearing No.42/2-P2 in 4th floor and measuring 1085Sq.ft of super built up area apartment building known as "Sri Saisharada Residency" H.B. Samaja Road, Basavanagudi, Municipal Ward No.50, Bengaluru- belongs to Sri C V Ashok Kumar, together with 234Sq.ft undivided share, right, title and interest and bounded on : East by : Open to Sky, West by : open to sky, North by : Open to Sky, South by : Apt,.No.43/2-P1.	**Rs. 46,00,000/- (Rupees Fourty Six Lakhs Only)**	**Rs. 4,60,000/- (Rupees Four Lakhs Sixty Thousand Only)**	**Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only)**	**Sri. Prasad G, Deputy Manager, Banaswadi Branch, Mobile No. 8861711522.**
				Property No. 2 : All the piece and parcel of one of the shops in 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th Floor in No.79/4 (formerly in portion of the property No.79) Sharadha complex situated at chowdeshwari temple street, Chikpete, Bengaluru. Belongs to Sri. C.V. Ashok Kumar, Measuring East to west: 18 feet, North to South: 18 feet, Totally measuring 324Sq.ft.Each with undivided share, right, title and interest 206.87 in flat area with total built-up area 1296Sq.ft and bounded on : East by : Common passage and staircase, West by : chowdeshwari temple street, North by : Private property, South by : Private property.	**Rs. 80,00,000/- (Rupees Eighty Lakhs Only)**	**Rs. 8,00,000/- (Rupees Eight Lakhs Only)**	**Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only)**	
3	**1. Sri. Kiran Kumar K S, 2. Smt. Sheela T S** W/o Sri. Kiran Kumar K S, No. 47, 1st Main, 10th Cross, Srinidhi Layout, J P Nagar, 8th Phase, Konankunte, Bengaluru 560062.	**Rs.34,82,000/- (Rupees Thirty Four Lakhs Eighty Two Thousand Only)**	**22.05.2024 12.30 PM**	All that piece and parcel of Land, Dwelling houses and outhouses, wells, trees, and drains thereon built and planted and situated and floors / outhouses here in after to be built, planted together with all rights and easements pertaining thereto and thereafter and enjoyed and all the piece and parcel of property Site No.47, Khatha No.50/3, Chuchanghatta Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru. Measuring East to West 70 feet and North to South 40 feet, Totally measuring 2,800 Sq. Feet and bounded by : East by : Rajappa's Property, West by : Road, North by : Kothanur Boundary, South by : Property No.46.	**Rs. 2,72,00,000/- (Rupees Two Crore Seventy Two Lakhs Only)**	**Rs. 27,20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakhs Twenty Thousand Only)**	**Rs. 5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakh only)**	**Smt. Kaveri B R, Deputy Manager, Rajarajeshwari Nagar Branch, Mobile No. 8861399722.**
4	**1) Sri. J.Sandeep Prop.M/s Suryaputra Petro Station** No.16, Mysore Road, Nayandahalli Junction Pantharapalya, Bengaluru-560089. **2) Sri.R.Jayapal 3) Sri.Manjunath J Sunil 4) Sri.J.Santhosh 5) Smt.G.Padmavathi, 6) Smt.R.Usha All are residing at:** No.723, 62nd Cross, 5th Block, Rajajinagara, Bengaluru-560010.	**Rs.4,01,12,000/- (Rupees Four Crore One Lakhs Twelve Thousand Only)**	**10.06.2024 10.30 AM**	All that piece and parcel of residential/Commercial Property bearing No.3, 2nd Cross, KB Temple Road, 6th Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore owned by Smt. G.Padmavathi.Property measuring East to West 45 feet and North to South 30 feet, Totally measuring 1,350 Sq. Feet and bounded by : East by : Conservancy, West by : Road, North by : Other Property, South by : G Padmavathi's Property.	**Rs. 1,76,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Seventy Six Lakhs Only)**	**Rs. 17,60,000/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakhs Sixty Thousand Only)**	**Rs. 5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakh only)**	**Smt. Kaveri B R, Deputy Manager, Rajarajeshwari Nagar Branch, Mobile No. 8861399722.**

TERMS AND CONDTIIONS OF AUCTION SALE:-

1. For participating in auction, intending bidders have to deposit a refundable EMD of 10% of Reserve Price by RTGS/NEFT/Funds Transfer to the credit of **A/C No "024102000009034- A/c Name: The National Co-Operative Bank Ltd, through IFSC Code "IBKL0000024" BANK: IDBI Bank, Branch :J P Nagara Sarakki Lake Or by Demand Draft /Pay Order in favour of " The National Co-Operative Bank Ltd,"** payable at Bangalore so as to reach us On or before Auction Date. The intending bidders have to submit copy of ID and address proof and PAN Card to the Authorized Officer The National Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Gandhi Bazaar Main Road, Bangalore-560004. The EMD will not carry any interest.
2. The property "SHALL NOT BE SOLD" below the Reserve Price.
3. The successful bidder should deposit 25% of the bid amount (including EMD) immediately on declaring him as successful bidder, and the balance 75% of bid amount within 15 days after the sale date by RTGS/NEFT/Funds Transfer to the credit of **A/C No "024102000009034- A/c Name: The National Co-Operative Bank Ltd, through IFSC Code "IBKL0000024", Bank: IDBI Bank, Branch : J P Nagara Sarakki Lake** Or by Demand Draft /Pay Order in favour of " The National Co-Operative Bank Ltd.," payable at Bangalore
4. In case of default in payment at any stage by the successful bidder as mentioned above, the sale shall be treated as cancelled and the amount already paid will be forfeited.
5. The property is put for sale on the condition "AS IS WHERE IS" and "AS IS WHAT IS "and" NO RECOURSE " basis. The intending bidder shall satisfy himself about the title, Ownership, Statutory approvals, encumbrances, claims etc., in regard to the property. The Bidder has to bear the Registration Charges, Stamp Duty, Cess, Sales Tax (if applicable) and any other statutory dues or other dues like Municipal Tax, Electricity Charges, Land use conversion charges, Society Charges, Maintenance Charges, Akrama / Sakrama and all other incidental costs, charges including all taxes and rates and any outgoings relating to the property.
6. General Power of Attorney holders, agents and any other persons are not allowed to participate in the auction on behalf of the bidders.
7. This is also notice to the (Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor) of the aforesaid loan dues about holding of Auction sale on above mentioned date if the dues are not repaid in full.
8. The Bank reserves the right to cancel / postpone the Auction without assigning any reasons.
9. The Authorized Officer is presumed to have information about the mortgaged property. However, Authorized Officer is not responsible for any wrong information which has not come to his notice.
10. Place of auction : The National Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Administrative Office: No.73/1, Gandhi Bazaar Main Road, Bangalore - 560 004.
11. The Bidders should present 15 minutes before the start of Auction.

Note: The intending bidders may contact concerned Branch managers for ascertaining the details of property and also for inspection of property.

The terms and conditions of sale shall be strictly as per the provisions of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Date: 02.05.2024 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place: Bengaluru **The National Co-Operative Bank Ltd**

PUBLIC NOTICE

FOR PURCHASE OF PROPERTY

NOTICE is hereby given that **Mrs Usha Surendra and Mrs Girija Edathil Jayaraj** are willing to sell the schedule property in favour of my Client **Mr. Ajay Jacob Varghese** free from all encumbrances. Any person having any right, title, interest, claim or demand of any nature whatsoever in respect of the said property, is hereby required to make the same known in writing along with the documentary proof thereof, to the below mentioned his Counsel Mr.RADESH.K, Office at Third Floor, Above Favara Car World, SMN Complex, Whitefield Main Road, Thubarahalli, Bangalore. within 07 days from the date of publication hereof, failing which the negotiations shall be completed, without any reference to such claims and the claims if any, shall be deemed to have been given up or waived.

SCHEDULE:

All that piece and parcel of the Residential Three Bedrooms Apartment bearing Flat No: B1-1023 on the Second Floor, measuring 1405.56 Square Feet of Built up area, 314.78 Square Feet of proportionate share in common areas along with One covered car parking space in the Basement Floor and undivided share of 0.50% (equivalent to 629.45 Square Feet) in the Building known as "SOBHA ROSE", Constructed on immovable property bearing Sy No: 12/4A-1 (Old No: 79/1), Khata Volume No: II, measuring 3 Acres, Situated at Whitefield Village, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk.

Contact : **Mr. RADESH BE,** LL.B, LL.M
Director- MKM Legal Solutions Pvt Ltd.
e-mail id: radesh@mkmlegalsolutions.com
Contact No: +91 7757070783

PUBLIC NOTICE

BE IT KNOWN TO ALL that our client **Mr. SYED NADEEM PASHA** intends to Purchase the under mentioned Schedule Property from its owner **Sri. GURUPRASAD. K. V,** S/o. Late C Veerabhadraswamy, R/at, #52, 1st C Main, Binny Layout, R P C Layout, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, Hampinagar, Bengaluru - 560104.

The public is hereby informed that any person/s having any manner of right/s, claim/s, charge/s, objection/s against the under mentioned Schedule Property or any part thereof or in any manner affecting the rights of the Schedule property may notify the undersigned within **5 (Five) days** from the date of publication of this notice along with documentary proof in support of the same failing which my client shall proceed to purchase the schedule property and my client will complete the transaction. No claim shall be entertained thereafter.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF THE Immovable Residential Property bearing **Site No. 51**, curved out of converted Survey No. **231**, Kempapura Agrahara Dakale, Hosahalli Village, Now Municipal No.51, Situated at 2nd Stage Vijayanagar, 1st 'C' Main, Binny Layout, R.P.C. Layout, (Binny Employees Housing Co-operative Society Layout) Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Old Ward No. 34, New Ward No. 124, **PID No. 34-65-51,** Bangalore, Measuring **East to West 30 Feet** and **North to South 45.5 Feet,** Totally Measuring **1365 Sq. Feet,** and bounded on:
East by : Site No.52; **West by** : Site No.50;
North by : Site No.49 **South by** : Road.

Sd/- **M/s. Yuktha Legal,**
Advocates & Solicitors,
403, 4th Floor, Victory Avenue,
16, Hospital Road, BANGALORE-560 053.
Bangalore Dated: 03.05.2024

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East by : Site No.53; **West by** : Site No.51;
North by : Site No.48; **South by** : Road.

Sd/- **M/s. Yuktha Legal,**
Advocates & Solicitors,
403, 4th Floor, Victory Avenue,
16, Hospital Road, BANGALORE-560 053.
Bangalore Dated: 03.05.2024

Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd
(FORMERLY KNOWN AS EQUITAS FINANCE LTD)
Registered Office : No.769, Spencer Plaza, 4th Floor, Phase-II, Anna Salai, Chennai - 600002.

DEMAND NOTICE - NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002

NOTICE is hereby given that the following borrower/s have availed loan from Equitas Housing Finance Limited (EHFL) / Equitas Finance Limited (EFL) / Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd (ESFB). The said borrower/s had/have failed to pay Installments and their loan account has been classified as Non-Performing Asset as per the guidelines issued by RBI. The details of the secured immovable propert/ties, loan and the amounts outstanding as on date payable by the borrower/s are mentioned below. The borrower(s) and the public in general are informed that the undersigned being the Authorized Officer, the secured creditor has initiated action against the following borrower(s) under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 and not to deal with the said property. on failure to repay the outstanding dues indicated against their names within 60 (Sixty) days of this notice, the undersigned will exercise any one or more of the powers under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, including power to take possession of the property/ies and sell the same

SR NO	Name of the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)(NAME OF THE BRANCH)	13(2) Notice Date Claim Amount	Description of Secured Asset (Immovable Property)
1	BRANCH - Channapatna Loan No - SECNPTN0358469 BORROWER - MRS. PRAMILA GUARANTOR - RAJU	07-03-2024 & 439234	All the peace and parcel of the immovable Schedule Property No.152900102500500451 Katha No.463/103. Situated at Singarajipura Village, Singarajapura Grama panchayath, Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagara Measuring east to west 7.80 mtr (25.60 feet), north to south 21.80 mtr (71.50 feet), Total extent 170.04 sqmtr (1830 sqft) and House builtup area of 170.04 sqmtr do exists. North by : Property of Sannegowda, South by : Govt Road, East by : Property of Kumar s/o Venkategowda, West by : Govt. Oni. Measurement - east to west 7.80 mtr, north to south 21.80 mtr. Situated at within the Sub-Registration District of CHANNAPATNA and Registration District of RAMANAGARA.

Date - 04.05.2024, Place - Ramanagara **Authorized officer, Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd**

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CIRCLE OFFICE: SASTRA Department: 26-27, Raheja Towers, M.G.Road, Bangalore-560001. E-Mail: cs8191@pnb.co.in

DEMAND NOTICE [SECTION 13(2)]

NOTICE ISSUED UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

'We, **Punjab National Bank** had issued Demand Notices under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Security Interest Act 2002 by Registered Post with Acknowledgment Due (RPAD) to the addresses furnished to the Bank as mentioned below. Since the notice has not been acknowledged and returned due to non-availability of addressees at the said addresses / due to evading of service of the notices sent by RPAD, notice could not be served. Further, Bank had served the said demand notices by affixture at the addresses given. The contents of the said notices are mentioned herein below.

1. Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor : (1) (a) Shri Shamantha Babu Bothapati S/o Bhaskara Rao **(Borrower) #61, 3rd Floor, 2nd cross, Hutchins Main Road, Bangalore-560005. (b) Smt. Neelima Priyanka** W/o Shri Shamantha Babu Bothapati **(Borrower)** #61, 3rd Floor, 2nd cross, Hutchins Main Road, Bangalore-560005. **(2) (a) Shri Buthapati Sampath Babu (Guarantor)** #61, 2nd Floor, 2nd cross, Hutchinson Main Road, Bangalore-560005. **(b) Shri Shamantha Babu Bothapati & Smt. Neelima Priyanka,** Flat No.G2, Neha Mahal, 4th Main Road, Chinnayanapalya, Laokkasandra Extension, Bangalore-560030.

[Details of the credit facility/ies availed by the Borrower]

SL	Facility	A/c No.	Limit	Amount o/s as on 31.03.2024
1.	TL(Housing Loan)	754700NC00001465	Rs. 59,50,000/-	Rs. 97,07,569.10

Total Liability Amount: as on 31.03.2024 is Rs. 97,07,569.10 (Ninety Seven Lakhs Seven Thousand Five Hundred and Sixty Nine and Paise Ten Only) with further interest from **01.04.2024.**

NPA Date : 29.09.2018 **Demand Notice Dated : 23.04.2024**

Description of the Secured Asset : All that part and parcel of residential Flat No.G -2 on the ground floor of Neha Mahal having Super built up area of 1050 sqft along with 270 sq ft of undivided share right title and interest with one car parking space constructed on property bearing converted site no 16/18, formed in Sy.No.19/2 situated at 4th Main Road Chinnayanapalya, Lakkasandra Extension , Bangalore now comes under jurisdiction of BBMP in Ward no.62,PID no.62-42-16/18 measuring East to West 30+38.6/2 feet and North to South 36+54/2 ft in all measuring 1543 ft and no.2 measuring East to West 18.6 +27/2 ft and North to South 21+36/2 ft in all measuring 650 sqft and no. 3 measuring East to West 42+ 37/2 ft and North to South 25.6+51/2 ft in all measuring 1512 sqft.

You are here by called upon to pay **Punjab National Bank,** within a period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, the respective amount mentioned here above, failing which **Punjab National Bank** will take necessary action under the provisions of the said Act, against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the Borrowers and the Guarantors. The powers available to **Punjab National Bank** under the Act include (i) power to take possession of the secured assets of the Borrower / Guarantors / Mortgager including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realising secured assets and any transfer of secured assets by **Punjab National Bank** shall vest in the transferee rights in or in relation to, the secured asset transferred as if the transfer has been made by you. In terms of the provisions of section 13(13) of the said Act, you are hereby prohibited from transferring, either by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of your business), any of the secured assets as referred to in the Demand Notice affixed and also Hypothecated / Mortgaged to the bank without prior written consent of the Bank. The notice is issued in terms of Section (13)2 of the said Act.

Date : 03.05.2024 **Chief Manager, Authorised Officer**
Place : Bengaluru **Punjab National Bank**

T20 World Cup: Powell to lead West Indies

Power-hitter Rovman Powell will lead a strong West Indies squad, filled with some of the world's best franchise freelancers, in the T20 World Cup in the Americas. **Squad:** Rovman Powell (c), Alzarri Joseph, Johnson Charles, Roston Chase, Shimron Hetmyer, Jason Holder, Shai Hope, Akeal Hossain, Shamar Joseph, Brandon King (wk), Gudakesh Motie, Nicholas Pooran, Andre Russell, Sherfane Rutherford, Romario Shepherd.

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WITH THE BUSINESS END OF THE INDIAN PREMIER LEAGUE FAST APPROACHING, A LOOK AT SOME OF THE TRENDS FROM THE COMPETITION'S LATEST ITERATION...

MORE SIXES, MORE RISKS BEING TAKEN

It's hard to say whether this is the new normal or an anomaly. But this year is on course to break sixes per match, it's also on course to be the fastest-scoring season. High-intent uncapped Indian batters (Shashank Singh, **Abhishek Sharma,** Prabhsimran Singh) and ultra-specialist overseas top-order batters who didn't go for lots of money (Phil Salt, Will Jacks) have all contributed to this. The role played by the Impact Sub also cannot be ignored.

MATCHES HAVE BECOME 12 VS 12

Some players — especially bowlers — want the Impact Sub rule to go. In 2023, in its first year, it wasn't this pronounced. But it's effect in 2024 cannot be ignored. Essentially, it has changed the grammar of the league and, perhaps, not for the better. It has also affected the growth of a lot of Indian all-rounders; take for example Shivam Dube. He has bowled one over for Chennai. It's a similar story across all the teams.

TIME TO INVEST MONEY ON UMPIRES

The job the umpires do can be hard at times. But this must be one of the worst seasons in terms of umpires getting even the basics right. Wides, no balls, straight-forward decisions... most of them have fluffed their lines. It reached a nadir on Thursday night when the third umpire, even with the benefit of replays, couldn't spot that Travis Head's bat was in the air. The 'not out' decision miffed the watching Kumar Sangakkara by such an extent that he exchanged a few words with the fourth umpire.

RELEVANCE OF ORANGE AND PURPLE CAPS

In a format like T20 where the sum of all parts is as important as an individual, it's no surprise that individual awards count for little. This year, too, the Orange and Purple Caps have counted for little, so far anyway. Virat Kohli, who held the Orange Cap, and **Ruturaj Gaikwad**, its new owner, are both playing for teams outside the top four. The runaway league leaders, Rajasthan, don't have a batter or a bowler in contention for these awards. In the league's history, only twice have batters done the double of Orange Cap and winning the title in the same year (Robin Uthappa and Gaikwad). Only thrice has a bowler completed a similar feat (Sohail Tanvir, RP Singh and Bhuvneshwar Kumar).

Role clarity for openers the way forward for India women

KALYANI MANGALE @ Chennai

THE opening partnership between Shafali Verma and Smriti Mandhana has come a long way since 2019, the year Verma made her international debut at the age of 15. They recently became only the second opening pair to cross 2000 runs in international cricket behind Australia's Alyssa Healy and Beth Mooney. The duo has seen each other's growth as batters, and has contributed to many of India's wins over the years. However, there is still scope for India to maximise the potential of this duo.

A glance at the career strike rates of these two inside the powerplay and outside of it makes a very interesting read. Verma is known to be aggressive from the get-go and that is reflected in her powerplay strike rate of 135.2. Mandhana, on the other hand, because she is mostly letting Verma make most of the powerplay, has a SR of 117.2 (since Verma's debut). That number might look less compared with Verma's SR, but it is still amongst the top four with a minimum of 50 matches since 2019. (The other two ahead of Mandhana are Healy and Danni Wyatt of England).

The roles get reversed after the end of the powerplay overs. The more Mandhana bats, the better her strike rate gets. Her strike rate from 7-11 overs remains the same, but whenever she has batted between 12-16 overs, she has scored with a strike rate of 148.3. The more she stays at the crease, the more she makes of her opportunities. For Verma, though, the more she bats outside of the powerplay, her strike rate starts to decline. From 135.2 in the first 6 overs, it goes down to 124.4 if she lasts till the 11th over. It becomes increasingly harder for her to bat after the 12th over as her SR dips to 114.4.

Again, just like Mandhana in the powerplay, these are not bad numbers at all, but strategic planning could make a difference between scoring 150, which has been the consistent batting first score of the side, to consistently going towards 170+. If India allow Verma to make most of the fielding restrictions, with her usual flair without thinking too much about what she can do after the powerplay and let Mandhana hold the fort without eating too many balls at the other end, they can set a foundation on which the middle order can thrive. With that clarity of roles for the openers, the middle-order, and a quality finisher like Richa Ghosh can then look to post a formidable total.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

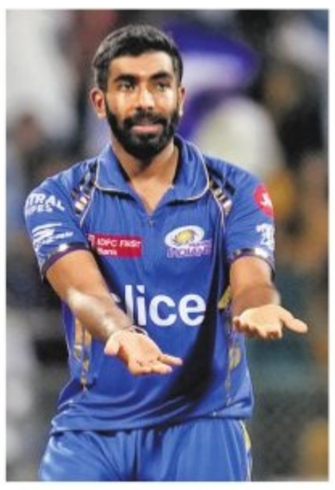
Bumrah spark in fading Mumbai

Pacer stands out yet again but Kolkata Knight Riders eke out 24-run victory at Wankhede

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @ Chennai

ON Thursday, both T Natarajan and Sandeep Sharma, the two best Indian pacers not named Jasprit Bumrah in this year's edition of the Indian Premier League (IPL), showcased their wares to perfection. On Friday, it was Bumrah's turn to show exactly why he's the undisputed figurehead. Coming into the game against Kolkata Knight Riders on Friday night, it was safe to suggest that Mumbai Indians weren't themselves. Speculation had been rife that a leadership change had led to a divided house. Batters punching below their weight. Spinners being ineffective. Overseas bowlers not pulling their weight... you get the drift, it has not been a good campaign. But that principle doesn't apply to Bumrah, whose artistry shined once again. Under a floodlit Wankhede, he was divine. It was rather poetic that he started his innings the way he finished. Yorker targeting the stumps.

When you watch a yorker in real time, it can look deceptively simple. In reality, it's an extremely hard skill to master because of the margins at play. In his column for the International Cricket Council (ICC) website in 2017, Shane Bond had written: "One of the things I keep getting asked is whether bowling the yorker is becoming a dying art," he had written. "I don't think so — it is just that the yorker is being used differently, and bowlers are also experimenting with a range of slower balls. The yorker is not just one of the most difficult balls to bowl, the margin for error is also extremely small." The margin is about 30 centimetres from approximately 22 yards out during your delivery stride after running in. Misalign it by a few centimetres either side of that 30-cm mark and you will travel. Not if you are Bumrah, though. The control he has on the yorker is unusual for it's almost always on the money. The few times he fails to hit the mark, it's usually a low full toss.



Mumbai's Jasprit Bumrah claimed 3 wickets against KKR on Friday | AP

Over the last few matches Sunil Narine has played, bowlers have tried to home in full onto his pads. Some have overpitched it, others have conceded wides. Not the 30-year-old. His first ball to Narine is full and straight and the opener just about got an inside edge. He followed it up with another yorker that the West Indian squeezed away for a single. His next two balls to the southpaw were different; one was going away with the angle and the other was a bouncer which pinged his helmet. There's a set pattern to how Bumrah has been used this year. One over in the powerplay, one in the middle phase and two at the death. If ever Pandya had to break that pattern, it was now. Kolkata had lost half their side for 57 just after the powerplay.

The visitors used 'break glass in case of emergency' option — Manish Pandey as an Impact Sub — to steady a boat in danger of being shipwrecked. He last played in this format last year. Alas, Pandya stuck to the template and allowed Pandey and Venkatesh Iyer to stitch an 83-run stand. When he brought back Bumrah in the 14th over, they had already grown in confidence as Pandey ramped him for a six over third man. His third spell, though, splattered the stumps a few times as both Mitchell Starc and Venkatesh had lost their stumps to deliveries out of a video game (magical, basically). He also snaffled Ramandeep Singh to return with figures of 3/18.

The problem, though, came from other sources. He has taken 17/274 across 11 games while averaging 16.11 at an economy of 6.25. The others have not been fit for purpose — Pandya (8/297 at 37; 11), Gerald Coetzee (13/341 at 26.2; 10.17), Nuwan Thushara (4/156 at 39; 10.40), Piyush Chawla (5/222 at 44.4; 9.25)... the other bowlers have frequently neutralised Bumrah's brilliance. It happened against Kolkata too. The others combined to concede 150 in 15 overs. **Brief scores:** KKR 169 in 19.5 ovs (Bumrah 3/18) **bt** MI 145 in 18.5 ovs (Starc 4/33).

Battle between strugglers

Basement dwellers, RCB, can catch GT, who know only a win will do. A look...

WILL THE REAL GILL PLEASE STAND UP...

In 2023, Shubman Gill had a landmark IPL season. In 2024, he's yet to get going. In five of his 10 innings, he has been dismissed below 20. Even when he has got going (four scores above 35), the strike-rates have not below par relative to the very high and quick scoring season.

SUDHARSAN VS DAYAL

B Sai Sudharsan has had another good scoring campaign. With 418 runs at 135.7, it's a touch on the slower side but he has time on his side. His battle with Yash Dayal, one of the visitors' better bowlers, could decide which way the contest goes.

Jacks vs Gujarat spinners

In Ahmedabad, Will Jacks took all of them on and left them with a big headache. On a more conducive hitting venue, this will be the big battle to watch out for in the phase immediately after the powerplay.

RCB vs GT, 7.30 PM, Bengaluru | Live on Star Sports and JioCinema, 7.30PM

ISL FINAL

Bagan aim for historic treble vs Mumbai City

AGENCIES @ Kolkata

MOHUN Bagan will look to cap off their fairytale season with a historic treble as they face Mumbai City FC in the ISL summit clash at Salt Lake Stadium, with 62,000 partisan fans expected to cheer their guts out and paint the stands in green and maroon, creating an electrifying atmosphere here on Saturday.

The season began with the Mariners winning the Durand Cup for the first time after 23 years. Having slipped to fifth in the table at midway stage, Antonio Habas took over from Juan Ferrando and led them to their maiden League Winners Shield. Two weeks after they defeated Mumbai City FC 2-1 to win their maiden Shield, the two teams will return to the same venue of Salt Lake Stadium with an aim to complete a rare double in the ISL and a hattrick of titles in one season.

As per noted football statistician Hari Prasad Chattopadhyay, the last time Mohun Bagan won three titles or more was more than 23 years back when they had won the erstwhile National Football League (NFL), Federation Cup, Calcutta Premier Division League, Sikkim Gold Cup and Bordoloi Trophy. The coach was India captain Sunil Chhetri's father-in-law Subroto Bhattacharyya.

Rahul Bheke (R) of Mumbai City FC and Subhasish Bose of Mohun Bagan Super Giants with the ISL Trophy | ISL

Mumbai City FC have done it before in 2020-21 and the stage will be set for Mohun Bagan to follow suit.

"Statistics have no relevance. We have to continue playing well and complete the circle," the 66-year-old Spanish tactician said in the pre-match media interaction.

Three years back, Mohun Bagan had squandered a 1-0 lead to to suffer a 1-2 defeat against the same team at the ISL final held in Margao, which was played behind closed doors due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

EXPRESS READ

India to host SA women for a Test, ODIs & T20Is

BENGALURU: India will play host to South Africa women's team for one Test, three ODIs and three T20Is across June and July. The one-dayers and T20Is will be played in Bengaluru while the Test will be played at Chennai. The ODIs will be held at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium from June 16, while the Test will start at the MA Chidambaram Stadium on June 28. The teams will return to Bengaluru for the T20Is on July 5, 7 and 9. It will then feature in the T20 World Cup to be played in Bangladesh in Sep-Oct.

Injury forces Alcaraz to pull out of Italian Open

ROME: Third-ranked Carlos Alcaraz announced his withdrawal from the Italian Open on Friday because of the right forearm injury that already prompted him to pull out of tournaments in Monte Carlo and Barcelona. The announcement comes two days after Alcaraz's bid to win a third straight Madrid Open title ended with a three-set loss to Andrey Rublev in the quarterfinals. The Italian Open starts next week. Alcaraz is now due to play next at the French Open, which is scheduled to begin on May 26.

MOC approves Yarraji and Shaili's proposals

NEW DELHI: Asian Games medallist sprinter Jyothi Yarraji and long jumper Shaili Singh's proposals to compete in multiple competitions in their quest for qualifying for the Paris Olympics were cleared by the government. While Yarraji has proposed to compete in six international events in Europe, Shaili is planning to take part in four events in May and June. The MOC has also approved proposals of shuttlers Kiran George, Ayush Shetty and Rakshitha Sree.

T20 WC: Srinath, Menon named match officials

DUBAI: Umpires Nitin Menon and Jayaraman Madanagopal, along with match referee Javagal Srinath will be the Indian representatives at the T20 World Cup starting on June 1. The ICC announced the list of 26 match officials set to be in charge for the first round. **Umpires:** C Brown, M Gough, K Dharmasena, C Gaffaney, A Holdstock, R Illingworth, A Paleker, R Kettleborough, J Madanagopal, N Menon, S Nogajski, A Raza, R Riaz, P Reiffel, L Rusere, S Saikat, R Tucker, A Wharf, J Wilson & A Yaqoob. **Match Referees:** D Boon, J Crowe, R Madugalle, A Pycroft, R Richardson & J Srinath.

Uber Cup: Indonesia women defeat Thailand 3-0 to end medal drought

ENS/AGENCIES @ Chennai/Chengdu

THE long wait is over for the Indonesia women's badminton team. The unbridled reactions after sealing a win (3-0) over Thailand in the quarterfinal meeting of the ongoing Uber Cup in Chengdu (China) spoke a thousand words.

As soon as Ester Nurumi Tri Wardoyo won her women's singles tie, thereby sealing the deal in her team's favour, she went down on her knees and raised both her arms wide with a beaming smile on her face. It was a pure moment of joy as her victory meant Indonesia will be returning with a medal for the first time in 14 years in the competition.

Ester was clearly the underdog going into her match against World No 16 Supanida Katethong on the day. But momentum was on Indonesia's side after winning their opening two ties. However, the World No 38 conceded the first game before making a remarkable turnaround. Ester eventually won 19-21, 21-19, 21-19.

Ratchanok Intanon (L) shakes hands with Gregoria Mariska Tunjung | AFP

"I was leading in the third game but I was so exhausted and I couldn't move at all. I just tried to reset my mind and I saw my friends cheering for me and that gave me some energy and I told myself to keep pushing," Ester told BWF, while reflecting on the match.

Before Ester's monumental effort, Gregoria Mariska Tunjung had pulled off a vital win over senior pro Ratchanok Intanon in the opening tie. The World No 9 doubles pair of Apriyani Rahayu and Siti Fadia Silva Ramadhanti had played their part by beating Jongkolphan Kititharakul and Rawinda Prajongjai 21-17, 21-14. Indonesia will meet Korea, who beat Chinese Taipei 3-0, in the semis on Saturday. China will play Japan in the other semifinal.

Eye on title contenders

Real Madrid can seal the title on Saturday while Arsenal can keep the pressure on Man City. A look at the state of play at the top of the table in La Liga and the Premier League.

LA LIGA

REAL VS CADIZ

Real Madrid, ideally placed in their quest for a record-extending Champions League title, can seal domestic honours as early as Saturday. As long as they win at home to Cadiz, they will win the title if Girona can avoid defeat against Barcelona a few hours later.

Real	33	26	6	1	84	7.30 PM JioCinema
Barca	33	22	7	4	73	

PREMIER LEAGUE

ARSENAL VS BOURNEMOUTH (5 PM) **AND MANCHESTER CITY VS WOLVES** (10PM)

Arsenal may be the league-leaders but they are still second favourites. That's because holders, Man City, still have a game in hand. The Gunners, who lead the table by one point, can extend it to four, if they can beat Bournemouth in the early kick-off on Saturday. Pep Guardiola's men, who face Wolves in the evening fixture, can cut it back to one with a win.

Arsenal	35	25	5	5	80
Man City	34	24	7	3	79

Live on Star Sports/hotstar

Real Madrid's Vinicius Junior is key to the team's success. (R) PL leaders Arsenal play Bournemouth on Saturday | AP/AFP

Leverkusen extend record run to put one foot in Europa League summit clash

AGENCIES @ Rome

BAYER Leverkusen have one foot in the Europa League final after winning 2-0 at Roma on Thursday to extend their remarkable unbeaten run to 47 matches. Goals in each half from Florian Wirtz and Robert Andrich ensured victory for Xabi Alonso's men in the Italian capital and gave the Bundesliga champions a great chance of reaching the final in Dublin later this month.

Leverkusen will meet either Atalanta or Marseille in Ireland should they hold out in Germany next week, and on the evidence of their performance they will be favourites to win their first European trophy since the old UEFA Cup in 1988. Alonso's team have needed a string of last gasp goals to keep their unbeaten run going in recent weeks but there was no need for any frantic finishes in the Italian capital as Leverkusen's superiority was fully on display. "We had a lot of chances to score a third but they also had a good chance to cut the deficit right at the end. We're happy with the result," Alonso told reporters.

Bayer Leverkusen's Florian Wirtz (C) celebrates after scoring his team's 1st goal | AFP

RESULTS: (Semis, first legs): **At Rome:** AS Roma (ITA) 0-2 Bayer Leverkusen (GER); **At Marseille:** Marseille (FRA) 1-1 Atalanta (ITA).

"We fought hard, played very well and were very disciplined. For us that means a lot but we still have a lot to do."

Roma face a huge task if they are to reach a third European final in as many years after barely troubling Matej Kovar's goal after Romelu Lukaku struck the woodwork early on.

But Daniele De Rossi's team would have had a lifeline had substitute Tammy Abraham not headed over in front of an open goal deep in stoppage time. "We played against a good team and if you go behind against them it becomes very difficult," De Rossi told Sky. "We've managed to score early in games before and get things going our way. Let's say it was a bit different tonight."

"We had an incredible chance right at then end which would have given us a different outlook for the return leg." Roma are also in a dogfight to reach next season's revamped Champions League in Serie A while Leverkusen remain on course for a Bundesliga, German Cup and Europa League treble.

Plastics demand, waste generation and mismanaged waste would continue to rise in the absence of ambitious, co-ordinated and global policy action. Leakage of plastics to rivers and seas would grow further by one-third, from 6 Mt in 2020 to over 9 Mt in 2040

GLOBAL PLASTICS TREATY

CAN 'CLIMATE' SENSE PREVAIL OVER OIL & GAS LOBBY?

The 4th round of negotiations concluded in Ottawa in Canada last week and the 5th round is to take place in Busan in South Korea in Nov-Dec. While there was some noticeable progress, attempts are being made by a few petrostates, including China, India, Iran, Russia and Saudi Arabia, to keep plastic production reduction measures out of scope of the treaty

SV KRISHNA CHAITANYA @Chennai

WOULD the global community hammer out a consensus on an effective Global Plastics Treaty, an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, or let the petrostates have the last laugh and water it down?

After the fourth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) concluded last week in Ottawa in Canada, its outcomes were termed "disappointing" by ambitious states and civil society groups. The last and final round of negotiations are scheduled to take place in Busan in South Korea from November 25 to December 1, 2024.

Plastic pollution is degrading the world, including ocean ecosystems. To address this issue, it is paramount to reduce production besides better management of waste. A well-designed treaty will be the most significant environmental decision since the Paris Agreement and the Kunming Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.

Inger Andersen, Executive Director, UN Environment Programme (UNEP) said, post completion of INC-4 negotiation, "We came to Ottawa to advance the text and with the hope that Members (175 countries) would agree on the intersessional work required to make even greater progress ahead of INC-5. We leave Ottawa having achieved both goals and a clear path to landing an ambitious deal in Busan ahead of us. The work, however, is far from over. The plastic pollution crisis continues to engulf the world. I urge members to show continued commitment and flexibility to achieve maximum ambition."

The problem

Annual global production and demand for plastics reached about 460 million metric tonnes (Mt) in 2019, but there is limited recognition of the significant contributions of plastic production to climate change in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) climate negotiations.

The recent Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Assessment Report made it clear that without an immediate reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, the mean global temperature is likely to increase by more than 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels by 2050. Avoiding devastating climate change requires rapid actions in every sector on a global scale, including plastic production. This starts with a more granular understanding of GHG emissions from primary plastic production.

A study published in Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory last month estimates that GHG emissions from plastic production (from extraction of fossil fuels to shaping of the final product) could amount to the equivalent of 2.24 GtCO2e in 2019, representing 5.3% of total global GHG emissions (excluding agriculture and land use, land-use change and forestry). In comparison, the global aviation sector generated 0.6 GtCO2 of CO2 emissions in 2019, while the global transport sector, including aviation, generated a total of 8.3 GtCO2 in 2019. Experts say the global plastic treaty presents a historic opportunity to tackle plastic pollution. In achieving the overall 1.5°C goal, it is vital to set targets for the growing plastics industry.

Roadblocks

As per an analysis done by Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL) and a few other organisations, a whopping196 fossil fuel and chemical industry lobbyists have registered for the INC-4 negotiations - a 37% increase from INC-3. As 99% of plastics are derived from fossil fuel, the oil and natural gas industry continues to clutch plastics and petrochemicals as a lifeline.

The participation of such large number of lobbyists was telling on the INC-4 outcome. Dharmesh Shah, Consulting Senior Campaigner with CIEL, told *TNIE*: "In the end, there was no consensus on polymer production reduction, which is a failure because we were expecting some ambitious countries to negotiate harder for intersessional work on this topic. This does not mean that the issue of production reduction is off the table, but that it's delayed until the next round. At some point the countries will need to make a decision on production cuts which is the only scientific way forward to address the plastics crisis."

The provisional list shows the lobbyists registered are three times greater than the 58 independent scientists from the Scientists' Coalition for An Effective Plastic Treaty and seven times greater than the 28 representatives of the Indigenous Peoples Caucus.

Nikhilesh Paliath, who attended INC for the first time and youth volunteer with BreakFreeFromPlastic, also told *TNIE* from Canada that UNEA resolution 5/14 calls for a legally binding instrument that addresses the full lifecycle of plastic. "Youth across the world and in India see this as a once in a lifetime opportunity to address the full lifecycle of plastics. As a youth delegate at INC-4 it was painful to see that member states were not having consensus on including reduction of primary plastic polymers in the treaty document. Several plastics and polymer producing countries were even trying to redefine the lifecycle approach to plastic pollution by narrowing its focus to downstream measures such as waste management. The youth see this as a lost opportunity."

India's stance

India has insisted on a consensus based decision making process. This means a single country could veto the treaty and prevent it from getting passed. Parties have been operating under provisionally applied rules of procedure that allow for voting on decisions if all efforts to reach a consensus have been exhausted. However, under pressure from countries seeking to obstruct progress that insist there can be no voting, countries have been operating under a de facto consensus-based decision-making process, limiting ambition even on decisions related to intersessional work.

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House bearing New No.38 and 38/1, Old No.20, 1st Main Road, Palace Guttahalli, BMP Ward No.99 of Aramane Nagar, Property I D No.99-59-38 and 99-59-38/1, measuring east to west 25 feet and north to south 100 feet and bounded on the: **East by:** Venkatamma's Property, **West by:** Property belongs to Mr. A Laduram, **North by:** Government Road (1st Main Road), **South by:** Government Halla (Now Conservancy).

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This is to inform the General Public that our clients Mr. Bhadragiri Jagan Mohan S/o Bhadragiri Srinivasa Rao and Mrs. Yellakari Lakshinarasamma W/o Yellakari Kesavacharyulu, are intending to purchase the schedule property mentioned herein below from its owners Mr. Ashish Sharma, S/o Sri. Puran Prakash Sharma and Dr. Nidhi Sharma W/o Mr. Ashish Sharma, both R/at: No. FE 38, Lakeshore Homes, Behind Lacasa Hotel, Kasavanahalli, Bengaluru-560035. If any person / financial institution / banks or any authority etc., has got any claim or right or interest over the schedule property or any valid legal objections may be pleased to intimate me within 15 days of this public notice, failing which my client will proceed to purchase the same and if anyone comes with a claim after the execution of sale deed, my client will not be responsible for the same.

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(DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY AGREED TO BE SOLD IN FAVOUR OF THE PURCHASER)

All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted vacant Site bearing No. 206, of Land bearing Sy.No. 8/1 measuring an extent of 26 guntas (out of 32 Guntas), converted vide Order dated 29.09.2012, vide the official Memorandum bearing No. A.L.N (A.S.H) S.R/108/2012-13, passed by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore situated at Chikkanagamangala Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore, in the residential layout known as "RELIAABLE ELEGANCE", approved by Bangalore Development Authority vide BDA/TPM/PRL-07/4462/2014-15, with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface, measuring on the East by: 54 Feet 8 inches; West by: 40 Feet 10 inches; North by: 51 Feet 10 inches and South by: 50 feet. Totally measuring 2385 Sq.ft., and bounded on the:

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APPENDIX-IV-A " [See proviso to Rule 8(6)]

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical /constructive / Symbolic (whichever is applicable) possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Indian Bank, Hennur Road Branch,** Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 22.05.2024,** for recovery of **Rs.53,57,802.00 (Rupees Fifty three lakh Fifty Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Two only)** (as on 03.05.2024) due to the Indian Bank, Hennur Road branch, Secured Creditor, from **1.Mr./Mrs./Ms./M/s Mr.S. Harisankar(Borrower)** Address- Flat No.402b Nishanth Prime Apartment, 1028 Imadihalli Road Hagaduru, Whitefileld Pin-560102. **2.Smt. Rajalakshmi(Guarantor), W/o. Madhavan Embranthiri S,** Address-Salathadukkamana House, Viradoor Nagar, Nelambur Malappuram District, Kerala-679329. **3. Nisha Madhvan (Guarantor),** Adddress-Salathadukkamana House, Viradoor Nagar, Nelambur, Malappuram District, Kerala-679329.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

Schedule 'A' - No.1028 Falt No.402 B 4th Floor Nishanth Prime Apartment measuring 1289 sqft of super builtup area along with 485 Sq.Ft of undivided share right title and interest in and over schedule A property along withone covered car parking situated at Hagaduru Village K R Pura Hobli Bangalore east Taluk BBMP Ward No.84 comprising of total area measuring 01 acres and 36.08 guntas residentially converted land bearing Sy.No.85/1 vide official memrandaum NoALN(eKHW) SR/16/2011-12 dated 24.06.2011 presently bearing BBMP Khata No.1029/28. **Boundries of composite property:** East By-Byranna's property, North By-Road, West By-Vekankatappa's property, South by-Govt Channel.

Encumbrances on property	NIL
Reserve Price	55,00,000.00
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Bid incremental amount	10,000.00
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K R Puram, Bengaluru-560036

POSSESSION NOTICE APPENDIX IV under Rule 8 (1) (SECTION 13(4)) (For Immovable Property)

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Canara Bank, K. R. Puram Branch, Bengaluru,** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **01.02.2024** calling upon the Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors, **1) Sri. Narayanaswamy. K. C**, S/o. Sri. Chinnappa, No.157, Kithaganur Colony, K. R. Puram, Bengaluru-560036, **2) Smt. Shashikala,** W/o Sri. Narayanaswamy. K. C, No.157, Kithaganur Colony, K. R. Puram, Bengaluru-560036, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.53,46,705/-** (Rupees Fifty Three Lakhs Forty Six Thousand Seven Hundred and Five Only) as on **01.02.2024** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice, together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.

The Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described hereinbelow in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rules 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **02nd May 2024.**

The Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Canara Bank** for an amount of **Rs.53,46,705/-** (Rupees Fifty Three Lakhs Forty Six Thousand Seven Hundred and Five Only) as on **01.02.2024** together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.

The borrower attention is invited to provisions of sub Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY: Schedule Property as per Mortgage Deed: All that piece and parcel of property beraing CMC Katha No.241/1, Old Khatha No.241/5/3B3, portion of Sy. No. 5/3 situated at Muthur Village, Present Ward No.6, Old Ward No.3, Block No.9, Road No.589, Doddaballapura City, Bengaluru Rural Dist, measuring East to West 90 Feet, and North to South 33 Feet, totally measuring 3,267 Square Feet, alongwith the building constructed thereon and bounded on the: East by: Property belongs to Lingappa, West by: Property belongs to Jademuniyappa, North by: 15 Feet Road and remaining portion of the same property belonging to Muniyamma, South by: Property belonging to Babajohn.

Schedule Property as per Rectification Deed: All that piece and parcel of property beraing CMC Katha No.241/1, situated at Doddaballapura City, Bengaluru Rural Dist, measuring East to West 76 Feet, and North to South 43 Feet, totally measuring 3,268 Square Feet, alongwith the building constructed thereon and bounded on the: East by: Property belongs to Lingappa, West by: Property belongs to Jademuniyappa, North by: Private property, South by: 10 Feet Road.

Place : Bengaluru **Sd/-Authorized Officer**
Date : 02.05.2024 **Canara Bank**

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POSSESSION NOTICE Under Rule 8(1) (For Immovable Property)

Whereas The under signed being the Authorised Officer of the **State Bank of India,** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (No. 3 of 2002) issued a Demand Notice dated **01.02.2024** calling upon the **borrower : Mr. Gopalakrishna .K.M** S/o. Late Mr. K.C. Munimaraiah, # 101, 'Nanda Gokula', Bhajana Mandir Road, Near Bhajana Mandir, Kumbalagodu, Bangalore - 560074 and also at : # 175/16, Sri Gopalakrishna Travels, Bhajana Mandir Road, Near Bhajana Mandir, Kumbalagodu, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, Site No. 1, Khata No. 157/1, Kumbalagodu Village, Bangalore South Taluk. to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 51,58,328/-** (Rupees Fifty One Lakh Fifty Eight Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Eight only) as on 30.04.2024 and interest & expenses thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower has failed to repay the amount in full and notice is hereby given to the borrower/guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 and 9 of the said rules on **02.05.2024.**

The borrower/guarantor/ in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **State Bank of India** for an amount of **Rs. 50,52,583/-** (Rupees Fifty Lakh Fifty Two Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Three only) as on 02.05.2024 + interest + expenses thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

SHECUDLE 'A' OF THE PROPERTY

(Partition deed executed between Shri. Gopalakrishna S/o. Late K.C. Munimaraiah and Shri. K. M. Chandrasekhar S/o. Late K.C. Munimaraiah in which schedule A property fallen to the share of Shri. K.M. Gopalakrishna S/o. Late Shri Munimaraiah vide registered document No. KEN-1-01815-2019-20 Book-1 stored in CD No. KEND814, registered in the office of SRO, Kengeri)

All that piece and parcel of the Residential Property bearing site No. 1, Khata No. 157/1, situated at Kumbalagodu Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, having property No. 150200300200220411 measuring East to West 56 feet or 17.0688 meters, North to South 37 feet or 11.277 meters totally measuring 192.49 Sq. Meters or 2072 sq. feet together with residential building there on the said site measuring 112.31 sq. Meters, RCC structure. The property is **bounded on : East by :** Property No. 119/2B, **West by :** Colony Road, **North by :** Site No. 2, **South by :** Road.

Date : 02.05.2024 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bangalore. **SARB, J.C. Road, Bangalore.**

PUBLIC NOTICE

I hereby bring to the notice of general public that my client **Mr. Konduru Venugopal Reddy,** son of K. Narayana Reddy, residing at Boreddy Pally Village, Parigi Mandal, Ananthapura Distirct Andhra Pradesh, presently at Bangalore is the owner of Immovable Property morefully described in the Schedule written hereunder and hereinafter called as Schedule Property.

My client informed to me that he has lost the following original documents pertaining to the Schedule Property and the same are could not be traced or found.

a. Deed of sale dated 03.03.1971executed by Seenappa in favour of Appanna registered as document No. 5637/70-71, Volume -858, pages 215-217 of Book-I in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Bangalore South Taluk.
b. Deed of Sale dated 27.02.1998 executed by Puttamma, Byrappa, Prema, Seetharamu and Manjula in favour of P.R. Bhaskar, registered as document No. 13425/97-98 of Book-1 in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Kengeri, Bangalore.
c. Deed of Sale dated 13.02.2004 executed by P.R. Bhaskar in favour of R. Keshava Murthy, registered as document No. KEN-1-32025-03-04 of Book-1, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Kengeri, Bangalore.
d. Official Memorandum bearing No. B Dis: ALN:SR/(S):166/2004-05 dated 29.07.2004 issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner (Revenue), Bangalore District, Bangalore
e. General Power of Attorney dated 23.04.2005 executed by R. Keshava Murthy in favour of M. Ravi Kumar registered as document No. KEN-4-00049-2005-2006 of Book-4, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Kengeri, Bangalore.

Under the circumstances my client has obtained certified copies of the above original documents

The General Public are required to take note of the above. Anyone holding the above documents and claiming any interest over the Schedule Property based on the aforesaid original documents shall inform in writing within 15 days from the date of this notice to the undersigned and thereafter no claims shall be entitled.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of immovable Property being residentially converted land being portion of Sy. No. 49/17, measuring 1 Acre (converted for non-agricultural residential purposes vide Official Memorandum bearing No. B Dis: ALN:SR/(S):166/2004-05 dated 29.07.2004 issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner (Revenue), Bangalore District, Bangalore), situated at Anjanapura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, presently bearing Katha No. 196/376 and coming under the administrative jurisdiction of Ward No. 196-Anjanapura, Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike. bounded on the :-

East by: **Property of K.V. Murali,** West by : **Remaining portion of Sy. No. 49/17,** North by: **Remaining portion of Sy. No. 49/17,** South by : **Remaining portion of Sy. No. 49/17**

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DEMAND NOTICE

A/c No : 42129492529 **Date: 03.04.2024**

Dear Sir/Madam

NOTICE UNDER SECTION13 (2) OF SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002 (HEREINAFTER CALLED 'ACT')

At your request, you have been granted by the Bank through its **NELAMANGALA BRANCH [Code No.13284]** Bengaluru from time to time, various credit facilities by way of financial assistance against various assets creating security interest in favour of the Bank. The relevant particulars of the said credit facilities and the security agreements/ documents executed by you are stated in Schedule "A" and Schedule "B" respectively excluding pledge of movables. You have availed the financial assistance with an undertaking for repayment of the said financial assistance in terms of the said agreements/documents.

You have also created mortgage over your immovable property by way of deposit of title deeds creating security interest in favour of the Bank. The documents relating to such mortgage are also stated in Schedule 'B'

The relevant particulars of the secured assets are specifically stated in Schedule "C".

You have also acknowledged subsistence of the liability in respect of the aforesaid credit facility sanctioned by executing confirmation of balances and revival letters and other documents from time to time. The operation of and conduct of the above said financial assistance / credit facility have become irregular and the debt has been classified as non- performing asset on **30.03.2024** in accordance with the directives/guidelines relating to asset classifications issued by Reserve Bank of India [RBI] consequent to the default committed by you in repayment of principal debt and interest thereon.

Despite repeated requests, you have failed and neglected to repay the said dues / outstanding liabilities.

Before, the Bank hereby calls upon you under Section 13(2) of the said Act by issuing this notice to discharge in full your liabilities stated hereunder to the Bank within 60 days from the date of receipt of this notice. Your outstanding liabilities (in aggregate) due and owing to the Bank is to the tune of **Rs.3,04,06,299/- (Rupees Three Crores Four Lakhs Six Thousand Two hundred and Ninty Nine only) as on 02.04.2024**. You are also liable to pay further interest at the contractual rate from 03.04.2024 on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses, cost, charges, etc.

If you fail to repay to the Bank the aforesaid sum of **Rs.3,04,06,299/- (Rupees Three Crores Four Lakhs Six Thousand Two hundred and Ninty Nine only)** with further interest and incidental expenses, costs as stated above in terms of this notice u/s 13(2) of the Act, the Bank will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under Sub Section (4) of Section 13 and under other applicable provisions of the said Act

You are also put on notice that in terms of Sub Section 13 of Section 13, you shall not transfer by sale, lease, or otherwise the said secured assets detailed in Schedule "C" of this notice without obtaining written consent of the Bank.

Your kind attention is invited to provisions of sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act where under you can tender the entire amount of outstanding dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank only till the date of publication of the notice for sale of the secured asset(s) by public auction, by inviting quotations, tender from public or by private treaty Please also note that if the entire amount of outstanding dues together with the costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank is not tendered before publication of notice for sale of the secured assets by public auction, by inviting quotations, tender from public or by private treaty, you may not be entitled to redeem the secured asset(s).

The Bank reserves its rights to call upon you to repay the liabilities that may arise under the outstanding Bills Discounted, Bank Guarantees and Letter of Credit issued and established on your behalf as well as other contingent liabilities.

This notice is without prejudice to the Bank's right to initiate such other actions or legal proceedings as it deems necessary under any other applicable Provisions of Law.

SCHEDULE "A"

Sl.No	Nature Facility	Account Number	Balance Outstanding	Unapplied Interest	Penal Interest	Outstanding as on 02.04.2024 (inclusive of interest) (Rs)
1.	Housing Loan	42129492529	2,95,80,662	8,25,637	–	3,04,06,299

SCHEDULE "B"

List of Documents (Details of Security Document including all supplementary documents & Documents evidence creation of mortgage)

Sl.No	Name of the Document	Nature of Security	Date of Execution	Amount Secured (Rs.)
1.	Arrangement Letter - Home Loan - HL For Individuals	Terms and Conditions	31.07.2023	3,06,42,000
2.	Memorandum of Loan Agreement for Home Loan granted to Public	Agreement	31.07.2023	3,06,42,000
3.	Agreement to Mortgage	Agreement	31.07.2023	3,06,42,000
4.	Deed of Undertaking	Undertaking	31.07.2023	3,06,42,000
5.	Memorandum Relating to Deposit of Title Deeds registered in Book No.1 under Documents No. No.BMH-1-04771-2023-24 date 02.08.2023 at the office of the Senior Sub-Registrar, Jayanagar (Bommanahalli), Bangalore Urban District	Mortgage	02.08.2023	3,06,42,000
6.	Letter of Confirmation of Deposit of Title Deeds - Form A	Mortgage	03.08.2023	3,06,42,000

SCHEDULE "C"

Part – I

[Please mention all the hypothecated properties, viz Current Asserts including Stocks, Book Debts, Receivables, Consumable Stores & Spares and Hypothecated Movable Plant & Machinery, etc. mentioned in the Documents (Scheduled 'B')]

-NIL-

Part-II

(Please state the particulars of the immovable properties mortgaged to the Bank as stated in the documents having reference to the mortgage documents/deeds) (Schedule B)

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Site No. 36, Block No. IV in Jayanagar Extension, Bengaluru, measuring East to West : 55 ¾ feet, North to South: 40.0 feet, together with all rights, apputenances whatever whether underneath or above the surface with residential building therein and bounded on the: East by : 7th B Main Road, West by: Site No. 21, North by: Site No. 37, South by : Site No. 35

Absolute Sale Deed dated 02.08.2023 registered in Book No.1 under Documents No.BMH-1-04770-2023-24 date 02.08.2023 at the office of the Senior Sub-Registrar, Jayanagar (Bommanahalli), Bangalore Urban District, Bangalore.

Place: Bengaluru **Sd/-**
Date: 03.04.2024 **Authorized Officer & Chief Manager.**

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Margaret privatised many industries, cut back government expenditures, reduced the rights of trade unions, and affirmed the right of the media to cover local government meetings

STEPPING DOWN

Elected for the third time in June 1987, she officially stepped down on November 28 and was part of the Parliament until 1992. Later, she began to write her memoirs

HISTORY MADE

In 2007, Margaret became the first living ex-Prime Minister in British history to be honoured with a statue in the Houses of Parliament

A curated guide to happenings in the city

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Having just completed one of the toughest foot races in the blazing Sahara Desert, Indian Army officer Col. Jangvir Lamba, currently posted in Bengaluru, shares his intense journey

EXPRESS FEATURES

"HIT first, hit hard, and keep hitting – victory will be yours." These words of his father kept ringing in Colonel **Jangvir Lamba**'s head as he took the uphill task of participating in the 38th edition of the Marathon des Sables, known as the 'toughest race on Earth'. The race, covering 253.5 km done in various stages in Morocco, deep within the Sahara Desert, saw 52-year-old Lamba emerge victorious. Despite the sheer difficulty level associated with the ultramarathon – extreme temperatures of 46-52 degrees Celsius, blisters on the feet, resurfacing of old injuries, dropping salt levels, and a general sense of fatigue – Lamba never doubted he would finish the race. He completed the six-stage race in 67 hours and seven minutes, competing against 900 athletes from 60 countries. The race took place in April.

"At no point did the thought of not finishing the race even cross my mind. It's all about mental resilience that is associated with the endurance sport," he explains. This mindset likely stems from early advice from his father, advice he adheres to even now. He recalls a time in sixth grade when his father asked him to do push-ups and he could barely manage five or six. "My father then took charge and over the next few years trained us. By the time I was in Class 11-12, I was doing 500 of them. As I trained, my father would always say 'one more'. To this day any time I'm pushing myself, I keep telling myself those two golden words," says the fourth-generation Army officer, currently posted at the ASC Centre and College in Bengaluru.

Previously a bodybuilder, Lamba suddenly found his aspirations crushed when he started developing spinal issues in 2019 and was advised to reduce his weight, as his condition could worsen. At that point, he decided to switch to cardio exercises and took on the Ironman (a gruelling race consisting of a 3.9km swim, 180.2 km bike ride, and a 42.2km run) – completing three (Cairns, Australia; Langkawi, Malaysia; and Goa) within just 12 months. Then, while browsing the internet, he discovered the Marathon des Sables and immediately signed up. "The training itself wasn't as intense since I had previously been training for the Ironman for which I would start at 2.30am," he says, adding, "For Marathon des Sables, I only ran 10k every day, sometimes 21 km, with a 10 kg vest as weight."

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> Col. Jangvir Lamba, athlete

Drawing an analogy between life's challenges and the intense race, Lamba reflects, "There is so much pain one endures during the race but it's hard to share during that point since everyone is going through their own. It's the same with life, isn't it? You can't always share what you're going through. This wasn't just a race, it was a test of endurance and a culmination of training and dedication."

So, what lies next? "Definitely no race under 100 km!" he signs off.

PIC: NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Defying the oriental stereotype of India as a land of snake charmers, theatre personality Roysten Abel's *A 100 Charmers* celebrates this lost art form

POOJA DAS

Charming tunes

"THE image of snake charmers, controlling snakes with their beens (a wind instrument used in snake charming), has been part of India's identity for thousands of years. It was also one of the first symbols of 'exotic' India from which people wanted to distance themselves as quickly as possible. Although the practice of snake charming has long been banned, those who used to practice it seek alternative ways to sustain themselves. Roysten Abel, a theatre personality known for working with indigenous folk musicians like the Manganiyars of the Thar Desert, is bringing a unique show to Bengaluru. For the first time, 100 snake charmers will take the stage, performing a symphony that includes Bollywood tunes, Scottish bagpipe melodies, and traditional snake charmer songs.

The idea for the show originated when Abel met Bahar Dutt, an environmental activist running an NGO called Friends of Snakes. "She was working in Molarband, Delhi, a village where snake charmers live. She was helping them give up Snake Charming but needed to find an alternative vocation for them. Since I've been working with indigenous folk performers for a long time, I suggested we do something with 100 charmers," says Abel, adding that the show aims to redefine snake charmers' identities from street performers to concert musicians.

Assembling 100 snake charmers for a single musical production was a challenging proposition, given that been is typically played solo. Abel recounts, "When I proposed this, I was told it wasn't possible and that even playing with ten beens together is a difficult task. It's nice to take on challenges sometimes. So then we started calling up snake charmers in UP, Haryana, Chandigarh, Punjab, and Rajasthan." After holding auditions that attracted 500 charmers from across the country, a group of 100 was formed, each bringing their own tunes and styles. The one-hour concert includes traditional snake-charming tunes and tunes from the Scottish Highlands. "I find the instrument similar to the bagpipes of Scotland. So, we have two bagpipe tunes," shares Abel, adding, "The challenge in creating a musical production of this scale was to get the hundred charmers to synchronize and play together like a musical concert."

Known for creating immersive set designs for his productions, Abel notes that this time the set is simple to keep the focus on the musicians. "The main visual is that the hundred charmers are on stage, wearing their traditional outfits," he adds. The show has travelled to various cities in the country and even opened for a festival in Naples, which was a 'unique experience' for Abel. "We performed in one of the oldest opera houses in the world, traditionally a place frequented by the elite bourgeois class and often associated with nobility. To have our snake charmers perform in front of the who's who of Italy was remarkable," he shares.

Abel's project extends beyond artistic innovation to create a new world for a dying art form and the hundreds of people dependent on it. "You just put them on a map where everybody wants to get rid of the snake charmer because they think that's the old India. Also, it is such a unique instrument to our country, you can explore them and see them in different contexts," he says, hopeful of creating an alternative livelihood for the community. Abel is currently collaborating on another project with traditional folk drummers of the country and the renowned percussionist Ranjit Barot.

Roysten Abel's *A 100 Charmers* will be staged today, 5pm and 8pm at Chowdiah Memorial Hall, Malleswaram

GRUB HUB

Aslam Gafoor (@aslamgafoor) is a hospitality professional with experience in business development, sales and marketing with well-known hotels, and food and beverage companies. A few of his passions are travel, food and wine, and he enjoys sharing these experiences as a columnist.

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1. What traditional Middle Eastern summer drink is made from yoghurt, water, and salt?
2. What Mexican snack is made from soaked maize kernels and seasoned with lime and chilli powder?
3. What Latin American summer drink is made by blending fruit, water, and sweetener?

Throwing the Ultimate Summer Cocktail Party

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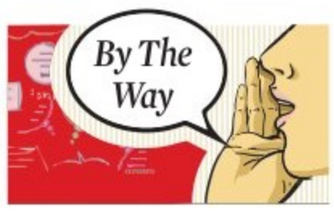

OLD BANGALORE FEELS

Three-time Grammy winner Ricky Kej ran into old friend, actor Kubbra Sait, who happened to be the emcee of a concert he was performing at. Despite both being old Bengalureans, the last time they met was 12 years ago. As expected the two got together with more friends and celebrated the occasion with a dinner. Easy to say the reunion of the two friends has us all feeling emotional.

CITY READ

Stage adaptation of Kafka's novel on May 10-12

Toto Funds the Arts is set to present *Innocence*, a black comedy play directed by Anmol Vellani and based on Franz Kafka's novel *The Trial*. The play will run from May 10 to 12, 7pm, at the Goethe-Institut / Max Mueller Bhavan, Indiranagar. *Innocence* delves into the story of a man wrongfully accused of a crime he knows nothing about, highlighting his relentless quest for justice amidst societal indifference. Despite everyone advising him to plead guilty, he fights to maintain his dignity, only to face constant setbacks and isolation. The lead roles are performed by Ashish D'abreo and Sanjna Banerjee, with support from Srinivas Beesetty, Manu Varkey, Rohit Dave, and Arvind Dev. Tickets priced at `400 are available on bookmyshow.com

Annual fundraising concert held

Enabling Leadership, a non-profit equipping under-resourced children with leadership skills hosted its second annual Kidz4Kidz online fundraising concert. Held over 36 hours, the concert featured 250 musicians from 16 countries. These participants showcased their musical skills, helped raise funds to support 2,000 marginalised children, and engaged in a cultural exchange by connecting with the children they support through regular virtual calls. Achievers in the fundraising efforts were recognised with Social Service Certificates and letters of recommendation, enhancing their university application prospects.

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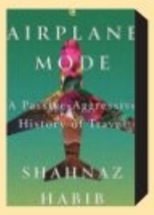

Airplane Mode
by Shahnaz Habib

A witty take on understanding the post-colonial world, along with focusing on the disasters of capitalism and climate change. It takes the readers through the journey of a third-world woman of colour, exploring many questions like who gets to travel and who gets to write about the experience.

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The book takes us through the author's retelling of surviving a horrific plane crash in Everglade's shadowy waters. As the nightmare unfolds, the only thing he can cling to is his resilience, hope, and desire to live.

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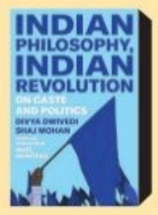

Indian Philosophy, Indian Revolution On Caste And Politics
by Divya Dwivedi and Shaj Mohan

Focusing on political science and the continental philosophical tradition, this anthology of anti-caste essays helps the readers understand the ascending oppression of democracy in India while engaging with the resurgence of upper-caste supremacism in India.

FOOTBELLS RING, STORIES SING

The rhythmic footwork and expressive gestures of Kathak dancers filled the halls of Ravindra Kala Kshethra, JC Road during a recent celebration of the World Dance Day| **NAGARAJA GADEKAL**

NOWSTREAMING

REGIONAL

SHAITAAN (Hindi)

The story revolves around a family whose lives are disrupted when their eldest daughter falls under the spell of black magic cast by a stranger. The family then sets out to uncover the stranger's motives.

Cast: Ajay Devgn, Jyotika, R Madhavan

- **Watch on:** Netflix

HEERAMANDI (Hindi, series)

The scheming Mallikajaan rules over an elite house of courtesans, but a new rival threatens her reign as rebellion brews in British-ruled India.

Cast: Manisha Koirala, Sonakshi Sinha, Aditi Rao Hydari, Richa Chadha

- **Watch on:** Netflix

FOREIGN

ANYONE BUT YOU (English)

Despite having an amazing first date, Bea and Ben's initial attraction quickly turns sour. When they unexpectedly find themselves at a destination wedding in Australia, the pair pretend to be the perfect couple to keep up appearances.

Cast: Sydney Sweeney, Glen Powell, Alexandra Shipp, Mia Artemis

- **Watch on:** Netflix

SUBSCRIPTION

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FITBIT

BALASANA VARIATION HIPS 1

(CHILD POSE VARIATION HIPS 1)

This pose is a variation of Balasana (Child Pose). It's a beginner-level forward-bending prone pose that lengthens the spine and stretches the shoulders. This helps to alleviate lower back pain and create flexibility in the lower back and hips. This is the transit pose used in Bharmanasana Balasana Flow, Bharmanasana Balasana Vinyasa II, etc., where the student has to lift the hips from the Child Pose to complete the flow.

STEPS

- Sit on the mat in Vajrasana (Thunderbolt Pose). Take a few breaths here.
- After that, align your buttocks on the heels and keep both knees together. Make sure that your waist is kept straight.
- Inhale, take a deep breath, and lengthen the spine.
- Exhale and tilt the upper body towards the front in a forward bend.
- Make sure that you keep both hands straight on the mat.
- Try touching the head to the ground. Breathe naturally.
- Ensure the hips are lifted a little, moving the buttocks away from the heels.
- You can remain in this posture for one minute while breathing slowly.
- During the practice, you can either close your eyes or look at the floor.
- To release, bring your palms near the shoulder and then slowly raise your upper body.
- Realign to Vajrasana and return to the previous position and breathe.
- You can perform all these alignments gently, along with mindfulness and breath awareness.

BENEFITS

- Acts as a great transition pose.
- Can be used as a warm-up and cool-down practice before and after an intense core, hip opening, or Vinyasa Flow practices.
- Benefits pregnant women, those with a heavy body, or people spending most of the time on bed due to their physical conditions. It can also be practised by people who may have difficulty breathing when compressing the abdomen.
- Helps with blood circulation throughout the body.
- Helps relax the abdomen and chest.
- Keeps you energised and helps cures back pain.
- Helpful if anyone feels dizzy or fatigued.
- Aids with digestion.
- Helps calm the mind and body.
- Regular practise can help reduce stress and anxiety.
- Helps with alleviating hip pain and maintaining the health of the posterior.
- Helps with improving the respiratory system and deep breathing.

LIMITATIONS

- Students who have severe knee or back pain should avoid this asana.
- You must practise this posture on an empty stomach.
- If anyone has low or high blood pressure, he or she should avoid this.
- Students who are suffering from diarrhoea should not perform this asana.

By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

QUICKFIX

KALE MANGO SALAD

INGREDIENTS

- **Fresh kale:** 250 g
- **Cut mangoes:** 100 g
- **Olive oil:** 20 ml
- **Lemon Juice:** 5 ml
- **Sea salt:** 5 g
- **Crushed peppers:** 5 g
- **Pumpkin seeds:** 20 g
- **Crumbled feta cheese:** 80 g

METHOD

- Place the kale in a large bowl. Massage it until the leaves become soft and slightly darkened.
- In a small bowl, whisk together the olive oil, lemon juice, salt, and pepper until well combined.
- Drizzle the dressing over the massaged kale and toss to coat.
- Add the fresh-cut mangoes to the leaves.
- Sprinkle the salad with crumbled feta cheese, cherry tomatoes, and pumpkin seeds before serving.

Contributed by **Sahil Sharma**, Delhi

WHATWHENWHYWHERE

Theatre Time

Watch the play *The Imaginary Cukcold*, by French playwright Moliere. Presented by Antaranga Bahiranga, the play is directed by S Vikas.

WHEN: May 4, 7pm
WHERE: Kalagrama Mallathahalli
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

SPLASH ADVENTURE

Cool off and enjoy endless fun at Jollywood Studios and Adventure. With exciting rides for all ages, a man-made beach, and a bistro, it's the ultimate destination to beat the summer heat and create lasting memories. **WHEN:** May 4, 11am onwards **WHERE:** Bidadi Industrial Area, Mysore Road **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

Creative Clay

Discover the art of pottery at Tarang, where you can shape clay on a potter's wheel into beautiful forms. This immersive experience offers a blend of creative expression and relaxation, perfect for harmonizing mind and body.

WHEN: May 4, 11.30am
WHERE: Tarang, HSR Layout
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Musical Mingle

Step into a musical playground where musicians of all levels gather to share, explore, and create music together. A perfect setting for musical experimentation with a variety of instruments, complemented by a cosy atmosphere with snacks and drinks available.

WHEN: May 4, 7.30pm
WHERE: House of Stories, Indiranagar
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

CINEMATIC EXTRAVAGANZA

Experience the charm of Bollywood under the stars as Sunset Cinema Club presents the film *Jab We Met* on a large outdoor screen with plush seating and surround sound for an unforgettable movie night. **WHEN:** May 5, 7pm **WHERE:** Nexus Shantiniketan Mall, Whitefield Main Road **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

Connections and Conversations

Embark on a journey of connection with Start A Date, where laughter, games, and meaningful conversations pave the way to new friendships and more. This event is designed to foster an inclusive space free from judgment.

WHEN: May 4, 9am
WHERE: Cubbon Park
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Comedy Delight

Join a laughter-filled evening with Bengaluru's finest comedians. Whether you're with friends or flying solo, prepare for a night of sharp wit and hilarious banter that promises to leave you in stitches.

WHEN: May 4, 7pm
WHERE: Shades of Coffee, HSR Layout
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

EXPRESS CONNECT

HAVE A RECIPE OR ART WORK TO SHARE, OR A QUESTION TO ASK?

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ARTCORNER

EMBERLIGHT

Artist M Marajitha Devi's watercolour and acrylic painting, tells a story beneath millions of stars, where a tent whispers stories of dreams

RUBINATIONS
Rubi Chakravarti
Writer, actor and funny girl

Prerana Bandal, Radhika Khandelwal, Devika Kumari & Akanksha Dean

RAIN RAIN COME AGAIN!

BIG drops of plump raindrops fell on the parched footpaths of namma ooru bringing in some temporary relief. There was barely any chance to rejoice because the rain was gone as soon as it came. I fancifully imagined the earth opening and closing its mouth in anticipation of more precipitation, and I hurriedly (and rather foolishly) rolled down my car window hoping to get a whiff of damp earth and perhaps a cool breeze with a splatter of rain on my face. But alack! The blast of warm air that assaulted my visage brought me back to reality pretty fast.

Other than trying to wave this heat-onslaught off with a couple of jokes and comments, we, Bengalureans, have to sit back and take a long hard look at the total dissipation of our beloved city. We have stood by and watched as unscrupulous people have usurped our lake beds, built ugly high-rise apartments on them and dumped waste and effluents into our water bodies. We have stood by and watched successive 'men-in-white' build steel structures and auction off the trees that stood in the way. We have also protested (mildly) when our green landscape suddenly turned into cement heaps, and we the citizenry try valiantly to protect our green spaces like Lal Bagh and Cubbon Park (both whose acreage has diminished alarmingly). And when the chaos, the traffic and the lack of infrastructure overwhelm us, we sit back and talk about our wonderful weather over filter coffee! Now we don't even have that as we swelter with temperatures that are higher than cities and towns' that border the Thar Desert! As far as I'm concerned, people who care and are invested in the welfare of our beloved city 'belong' and those who have a cavalier attitude don't! I really don't care about your phonetics!

Now that I have vented, I need to do what 'ooruians' do best. Close our eyes to the angst and talk 'fluff'! What's going on where, who is suffering from FOMO, how does one keep one's skin hydrated under layers of make-up, grand (and not so grand) openings, and a myriad of other such 'earth-shaking' information. As one can see the heat wave hasn't played kindly with my mood, so the best thing to do was to pamper oneself. So I booked a special 'jaali' massage at The Ritz-Carlton spa. Tired and harassed by the heat I walked into the swanky interiors of this hotel to be greeted by a shower of rose petals (that gave me the right 'vibe' aka 'vataavaran'). Greeted by a courteous staff, pampered to the hilt with a synchronised massage (or a four-hand jaali massage) by young women with strong hands! I keep telling myself 'I'm worth it'!

Last evening I attended an elegant sit-down dinner called 'Shefs at The Leela,' an initiative to give female chefs a level playing field in male-dominated professional kitchens. An initiative conceptualised by travel & food columnist Rupali Dean and VP/GM Madhav Sehgal, the evening abounded with showcasing the talents of three 'shefs' Radhika, Prerana and Devika, with interesting conversations about what inspires them as they were deeply connected with sustainability. So the adage of 'she foraged, she prepared, she perfected' was spot on!

Don't direct the wind…adjust the sails!

(The writer's views are personal; this column was written before Friday's rains)

MIXOLOGY
Madan Kumar S
The writer is mixologist, Tyd Kitchen & Bar

Throwing the Ultimate Summer Cocktail Party

SUMMER'S here, and with it comes the blazing sun and the constant battle against the rising temperatures. But fear not, fellow sun-dwellers! What better way to cool down and celebrate the vibrant season than with a sizzling summer soiree fueled by refreshing cocktails?

Whether you're a seasoned party host or a cocktail crafting newbie, here are some tips to guide you to an ultimate sundowner with cool vibes and delicious drinks:

- **Create a Refreshing Drink Menu:** Embrace the vibrant flavours of summer by crafting a selection of refreshing cocktails. Include classics like mojitos and margaritas, as well as seasonal specialities featuring fresh fruits and herbs. Offer non-alcoholic options too, such as mocktails and flavoured lemonades, to cater to all guests.
- **Get Creative:** If you want to ditch the usual mojitos and margaritas and explore cocktails that tantalise the taste buds, here is where your creativity comes in. Imagine a love potion that casts a spell with its romantic blend of berries and vodka, or a fiery mango tease that ignites your senses with a spicy-sweet combination of tequila and chilli.
- **Embrace the Season:** Incorporate seasonal fruits and herbs into your cocktails. Watermelon muddled with mint for a refreshing mojito, or a twilight mirage that transports you with its gari-infused vodka and fragrant lemongrass, are perfect examples of summer flavours in a glass. Don't forget the visual appeal! A beautifully-crafted cocktail can elevate the entire experience. Channel your inner artist with garnishes like citrus twists, edible flowers, or even a sprinkle of shimmer dust for an extra touch of magic.
- **Break the Ice:** Ice is your best friend! Invest in a good quality ice maker to ensure a steady supply of crystal-clear ice cubes for your cocktails. Consider fun ice moulds in quirky shapes like stars or pineapples to add a playful touch.
- **Set the ambience:** String up some setting fairy lights or lanterns to create a magical ambience as the sun sets. Ditch the stuffy tablecloths for light, breezy fabrics in summery hues. Scatter seashells or tropical flowers on the tables for a touch of beachy chic. Curate a playlist filled with upbeat summer anthems or chill lounge music to set the mood.
- **Well-curated food menu:** Pair your cocktails with light bites that complement the flavours. Think fresh summer salads, grilled skewers, or bite-sized appetizers like mini quiches or bruschetta. You can also opt for a grazing table – a fantastic addition to any party, offering a visually stunning spread of delicious food that guests can nibble on throughout the event

Remember, the key to a successful summer soirée is to have fun, be creative, and embrace the spirit of the season!

NUGGETS

New Khmer menu till May-end

The restaurant Kampot, at The Bay, EcoWorld Bellandur has launched a Khmer menu, available until the end of May. This menu, inspired by Cambodian culinary traditions, features dishes rich in stews, coconut-based gravy, and a blend of spices, including lemongrass and cardamom. The new offerings include tangy pink fire salad, samlor korkor (a Cambodian-style hotpot), stir fried vegetables with Kampot pepper, both vegetarian and non-vegetarian versions of Khmer satay, Khmer spring solls, chha trob (grilled eggplant in lettuce wraps), curry served with pav or rice, and banana brulee for dessert. Priyanka Bonick, managing partner at Kampot, highlights the cultural and culinary connections between Khmer and Indian cuisine, influenced by shared spices like turmeric, coriander, and cumin.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SHOBHALATHA PRAKASH (OLD NAME), AGED ABOUT 66 YEARS, W/O PRAKASH GOPINATH RAO SURYAPRAKASH, RESIDING AT NO 24, 2ND MAIN, POORNAPRAGNA LAYOUT, BANASHANKARI 3RD STAGE, BENGALURU 560018, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME **SHOBHA PRAKASH (NEW NAME),** VIDE AFFIDAVIT DATED 25/APR/2024, SWORN BEFORE NOTARY GANGARAJU. B. N. BENGALURU.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SERVICE NO. 16116430L HAV SURESH MUDAPAKI, Residing at U. Khanapur (Vill), U. Khanapur (Post), Hukkeri (Tehsil), Belagavi (Dist), KARNATAKA (State), PIN: 591221, Have Changed My Son Name **(OLD NAME) ABHISHEK MUDAPAKI** to **(NEW NAME) ABHISHEK SURESH MUDAPAKI,** Vide Affidavit Dated 02.05.2024 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE

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CHANGE OF NAME
I, **DANIEL**, S/o. late D. Lashman, aged about 68 years, residing at No. 48, M.M. Road, Frazer Town, Bangalore-560005, do hereby declare that **DANIEL** as well as **DANIEL LASHMAN** both the names refer to one and the same person and belongs to me and now I have changed my name from **DANIEL** to **DANIEL LASHMAN,** vide affidavit dated 03.05.2024, sworn to before K.C. Gowthami, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **LATISLAL SISUPALAN VALLIKALA,** aged about 47 years, S/o. SisupalanVallikala, No. 468, 5th Main, 8th Cross, Vijaya Bank Layout, Bilekahalli off Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore-560076, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **LATISLAL VALLIKALA** to **LATISLAL SISUPALAN VALLIKALA,** vide affidavit dated 30.04.2024, sworn to before K.V. Mani, Advocate and Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **JYOTHI S. SANGANNAVAR** W/o Sanjay I Sangannavar, age 44 years, R/o NO. S 42, Surabhi Regency, 5th Cross, Near Corporation Ward Office, Kirloskar Colony, Basaveshwaranagar, Bangalore-79 do hereby declare that all the names i.e. **JYOTHI S SANGANNAVAR, JYOTHI S K, JYOTHI S KUNDARGI** and **KUNDARGI JYOTHI SHANMUKH** and **JYOTHI SANJAY SANGANNAVAR** are one and the same and refers to only, vide affidavit dated 3-5-2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **RATNA .N** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ANUPAMA C**. aged 40 years, W/o. **M.G.Sudarshan Gowda,** residing of No. 13, "Nanda Gokula", 11th Cross, Prashanth Nagar, Basaveshwaranagar, Bengaluru- 560079, have changed my name from **ANUPAMA SUDARSHANGOWDA** to **ANUPAMA C**. vide affidavit dated 02-05-2024 sworn before Notary **H.S. SAKALESH ARADHYA,** BENGALURU.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, KOMAL (OLD NAME), AGED ABOUT 26 YEARS, W/O RAKESH KUMAR, RESIDING AT NO 8/12, SURAJ PARK VIEW, FLAT NO 204, NEW HIGH SCHOOL ROAD, NEAR NATIONAL GROUND METRO STATION, V V PURAM, BENGALURU 560004, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME **KOMAL JAIN (NEW NAME)** VIDE AFFIDAVIT DATED 25/APR/2024, SWORN BEFORE NOTARY GANGARAJU. B. N. BENGALURU.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) CHOWTAKURI MURALI,** Father of NO. 16125567Y NK CHOWTAKURI MOHAN, Residing at House NO. 2-78, Katepalle (Vill & Post), Pitlam (Tehsil), Nizamabad (Dist), TELANGANA (State), PIN: 503310, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) CHOUTAKURI MURALAI YADHAV,** And **DOB** from **10.01.1968** to **01.01.1963** Vide Affidavit Dated 08.04.2024 Sworn Before Notary C.V. EARAPPA BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME
I. Shreyas K. Rao, Son of Jnanesh. K, aged about 35 years Residing of No. 46, 1st Main, 4th Cross, Lakshmi Nagar, RBI Layout, near Elita Promenade Ap. J. P. Nagar, 7th Phase, Bengaluru-560078, have changed my name from **Shreyas K/Shreyas Kadaba** to **Shreyas K Rao,** vide affidavit dated 30/4/2024 sworn to before A.Gerard advocate and notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **KALANADHABHATLA KALI PRASAD,** S/o Late Kalanadhabhatla Viswanatham, R/at N-1, 7124, Sobha Lake Garden, Medahalli-Kadugodi Road, Seegehalli, K.R. Puram, Bengaluru-560 049 do hereby declare that my wife have changed her name from **K. SAILAJA** to **KALANADHABHATLA SAILAJA,** henceforth her name will be known and called as **KALANADHABHATLA SAILAJA** in my Army Service records and other documents, vide affidavit dated 03-05-2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **G. RAJENDRA** at Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **ROOPA .G.R** D/o Rudreshappa G, age 24 years, R/o Aragasaghatta Village, Bhadravathi Taluk, Sydarakallahalli Post, Shivamogga District do hereby declare that all the names i.e. **ROOPA, ROOPA .G.R** and **ROOPA GONERA RUDRESHAPPA** are one and the same and refers to me only, vide affidavit dated 22-08-2015, sworn before Notary **HEGDE ROOPA** at Shimoga.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Sri BASAVARAJ KHELAGI,** s/o Sharanappa Khelagi, age 63 years, R/at # 65B, 19th Main, Padmanabha Nagar, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560070 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **BASAWARAJ** to **BASAVARAJ KHELAGI,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **BASAVARAJ KHELAGI** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 15-04-2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **D.G. SHANTHAPPA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PRIYANKA KUMARI MISHRA,** (New Name) previously called **PRIYANKA KUMARI,** residing at Flat No.103, Maruthi Homes, Immadihalli, Hagadur Main Road, Whitefield, Bangalore-560066. Hereby declare that, I have changed my name from **'PRIYANKA KUMARI'** to **"PRIYANKA KUMARI MISHRA",** vide Affidavit dated 02.05.2024 Sworn before Advocate and Notary A.M. Rajasekar, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, VARSHA KUMARI (OLD NAME), AGED ABOUT 28 YEARS, w/o SIDDHARTH HEMANT KUMAR GOTAWAT, RESIDING AT NO 6/1, RATNA VILAS ROAD, OPP KREST PART APARTMENTS, BASAVANAGUDI, BENGALURU, 560004, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO **VARSHA GOTAWAT (NEW NAME),** VIDE AFFIDAVIT DATED 15/APR/2024, SWORN BEFORE NOTARY GANGARAJU. B. N, BENGALURU.

CHANGE OF NAME
We, Mr. VISHWANATH ABBAIAH & Mrs. VANI VISHWANATH, R/at No. 15/1, Puttaihnapalya, 2nd Main, 9th Block Jayanagar, B'lore - 69, declare that we have changed the name of our Minor Daughter from **VIVISHREE VISHWANATH** to **AARIKA CHARVI VISHWANATH** only for all purpose, vide Affidavit dated : 02/05/2024 before Notary MOHAMMED HUSSAIN. K, BENGALURU.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **NANJUNDAGOWDA,** Father of No. 2795185N Ex. Naik Ravikumar M N, residing at No. 149, 7th main, Attur Layout, Yelahanka New Town, Attur, Bengaluru-560 064 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **NANJUNDAGOWDA** and **M K NANJUNDEGOWDA** are one and the same and refers to me only, now I have changed my name from **NANJUNDAGOWDA** to **M K NANJUNDEGOWDA,** vide affidavit dated 24-04-2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **CHANDRAKALA** at Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **ATHAR AHMED KHAN,** S/o. Nisar Ahmed Khan, aged about 47 years, residing at No. 3, Jaheera Villa, 3rd B Cross, 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560076, have sworn to affidavit dated 03.05.2024, before Notary Arun R Naik, regarding rectification of my daughter's name as **IZMA FATIMA KHAN**, in her passport bearing L4294798 and any of her other documents since her sur name **KHAN** was Missing.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **CHETAN PADASHETTY**, residing at Plot No. 62, Ring Road, Swastik Nagar, Near Veerashaiva Kalyan Mantap, Kalaburagi City, Pin : 585105, Karnataka, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **CHETAN** to **CHETAN PADASHETTY,** vide affidavit dated 04.10.2023, sworn to before B.M. Chandrashekar, Advocate & Notary Public, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **RIONA MANOJ D/o Sri Manoj Venkataswamy,** aged about 22 years, R/at No.A-704, Orchards Apartment, 24 HMT Main Road, Opp: HMT Watch Factory, HMT Estate, Jalahalli, Bangalore-560013.
I have changed my name from **" RIONA"** to **" RIONA MANOJ"** by an affidavit sworn before Notary **Uday Kumar. K.** Dated:**02-05-2024** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) MARIAMMA PULIMOOTIL VARGHESE Resident of F6 Apurva Enthrall Apartments 4th Cross Gundappareddy Layout Near Rajiv Gandhi Dental College Cholanagar, R T Nagar, Bengaluru, 560032, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) MARIAMMA PULIMOOTIL VARGHESE TO (NEW NAME) MARIAMMA VARUGHESE** Vide Affidavit Dated 03.05.2024 sworn before Notary Anitha Bai Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, NAMAN MAHAVIR PUNMIYA (OLD NAME), AGED ABOUT 20 YEARS, S/o MAHAVIR PARASMAL JAIN, RESIDING AT NO 3, MANDOTH RESIDENCY, KRISHNA RAJENDRA ROAD, BASAVANAGUDI, BENGALURU 560004, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO **NAMAN PUNMIYA (NEW NAME),** VIDE AFFIDAVIT DATED 29/APR/2024, SWORN BEFORE NOTARY MEER HASSAN, BENGALURU.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, ASHWIN SHIVANAND NAIK (New Name), S/o. Shivanand Ishwar Naik, residing at No. 24, Srinivasalu Layout, Arekere, Kothnur Cross Road, IIM Post, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore-560076, Karnataka, India, that I have changed my name from **ASHWIN NAIK** (Old Name) to **ASHWIN SHIVANAND NAIK** (New Name), henceforth I shall be known and called **ASHWIN SHIVANAND NAIK** (New Name) only for all purpose, vide Affidavit dated : 02/05/2024, before Notary H.S.DHARMA PRASAD, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PRAMILA SUJATHA PERCIVAL,** RESIDING AT ROYAL PALM GROVE, VILL NO.12, SY.NO.2/1, CHIKKAGUBBI ROAD, BIDARAHALLI, BENGALURU-560077, HAVE CHANGED MY OLD NAME **"PRAMILA SUJATHA PERCIVAL"** TO NEW NAME **"PRAMILA PERCIVAL"**, VIDE AFFIDAVIT DATED 30-04-2024, BEFORE THE NOTARY **SIVAKUMARA M.N,** BENGALURU METROPOLITAN AREA, FOR ALL OFFICIAL AND LEGAL PURPOSES.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ASHA S.,** W/o Late Sundaresh .K, age 36 years, R/at No. 55, 1st Floor, 10th Cross, Spoorthi School Road, Bagalgunte-Nagasandra, Bangalore-73 do hereby declare that I have changed my daughter's name from **KEERTHANA .S** to **HITHANYA SANVI,** henceforth she shall be known and called as **HITHANYA SANVI** for all practical purposes, vide affidavit dated 30th April 2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **PRAKASHA .C** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ELIZABETH WRIGHTMAN,** W/o Kevin Wrightman, age 80 years, R/at No. 48, 9th Cross, Gospel Street, Lingarajapuram, Bangalore-560 084 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **ELIZABETH WRIGHTMAN** to **PHILO WRIGHTMAN,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **PHILO WRIGHTMAN** for all practical purposes, vide affidavit dated 30-04-2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **S.R. NANJUNDA SWAMY,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **KRISHNA PRASAD,** S/o Late Subba Rao, age 48 years, R/at No. 202, A-Block, Lotus Palace, 6th Avenue, near Pratheek Wind Chimes, Kasavanahalli, Off. Sarjapura Road, Bangalore-560035 do hereby declare that both the names of my son i.e. **SAI SUJAY** and **SAI SUJAY BOLLINA** are one and the same and refers to my son only, now I have changed his name to **SAI SUJAY BOLLINA,** vide affidavit dated 03-05-2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **LEELA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SINDHU JALALI,** Aged about 45 years, Residing at: F-830, Juniper Brigade Orchards, Rayasandra, Bangalore Rural-562110. Hereby declare that, I have changed my name from **'SINDHU J SABLOK'** to **"SINDHU JALALI",** vide Affidavit dated 02.05.2024 Sworn before Advocate and Notary A. Narayanaswamy, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Sridevi Sivadas,** D/o Sivadas Kongot Sundarewara Menon, residing at No. 11/2, Ground Flood, 3rd Cross, Patel Gundappa Road, Near Ayyappa Temple, J.C. Nagar, Bengaluru - 560 006 have changed my name from **Sridevi (Old Name)** to **Sridevi Sivadas (New Name)** vide Affidavit dated 01.05.2024 sworn before Notary Sivakumara M.N., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **NANDHINI SUNAGAR**, D/o. Govindappa, Aged about 33 years, permanent address No. 5, Hulibele, Bangarapet Kolar, Karnataka - 563 114, presently residing at Villa Maria, No. 28, K.No. 335, Athithi Layout, S.T. Halli, MSS Layout, Anandapura, T.C. Palya, Bengaluru - 560 036, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **NANDHINI SUNAGAR** to **YASHODHA** vide affidavit dated 02.05.2024 sworn to before Munirathnamma .D, Advocate and Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **AJITH CHOUHAN,** S/o. Mangilal H Jain, Aged about 49 years, Sha Sunnilal Veesaji and Co., DS Lane, Chickpet, Bangalore - 560 053, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **AJIT** to **AJITH CHOUHAN** vide affidavit dated 30.04.2024 sworn to before Mohammed Hussain .K, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **REBA HANNAH SAMUEL,** W/o J. Joel Mathai, age 26 years, R/at No. 1, Artillery Road, Near Ulsoor Police Station, Ulsoor, Bangalore-560 008 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **REBA HANNAH SAMUEL** to **REBA HANNAH MATHAI,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **REBA HANNAH MATHAI** for all practical purposes, vide affidavit dated 30-04-2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **S.R. NANJUNDA SWAMY,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **KRISHNA PRASAD,** S/o Late Subba Rao, age 48 years, R/at No. 202, A-Block, Lotus Palace, 6th Avenue, near Pratheek Wind Chimes, Kasavanahalli, Off. Sarjapura Road, Bangalore-560035 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **KRISHNA PRASAD** and **KRISHNA PRASAD POLLINA** are one and the same and refers to me only, now I have changed my name to **KRISHNA PRASAD,** vide affidavit dated 03-05-2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **LEELA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Shivaramappa M, S/o Madhavaswamy M, aged about 49 years, residing at No. 3, Maa Nilaya, near Padma Tent Road, Amruthahalli, Byatarayanapura, Bangalore 560092,** have changed my son's name from **M. Shreyas to Shubhank M.** vide affidavit dated: 02.05.2024 before advocate and notary C.N. Chandrashekar, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SERVICE NO JC-311635X SUB UTHAPPA C K, Residing at Kokeri (Vill), Cheyandane (Post), Virajpet (Tehsil), Kodagu (Dist), KARNATAKA (State), PIN: 571212, Have Changed My Daughter Name **(OLD NAME) CU MANASVI** to **(NEW NAME) C U MANASVI,** Vide Affidavit Dated 02.05.2024 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, S. KALIFULLAH DHAMEEM ANSARI, aged 24 years, S/o. Late. K. Shajahan, Residing at No.6/1, 4th Cross, MD Block, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru-560003, have changed my name from **KALIFULLAH to S. KALIFULLAH DHAMEEM ANSARI,** Vide affidavit dated: 29.04.2024 before notary HEMALATHA.P, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **GAYATHRI VENKATASUBRAMANIAN,** W/o Venkatasubramanian .N, age 45 years, R/at No. 2473, E Block, 13th Main Road, Sahakaranagar, Bengaluru-560 092 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **PRANAV VENKAT** and **PRANAV VENKATASUBRAMANIAN** are one and the same and refers to my son only, now I have changed my son's name from **PRANAV VENKATASUBRAMANIAN** to **PRANAV VENKAT,** vide affidavit dated 02nd May 2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **L.B. ANASUYAMMA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **DAKSHA SHASHI KUMAR,** D/o Mrs. Shashikala Reddy and Mr. G. Naveen Kumar, R/at No. 533, Jalavayu Vihar, Kalyan Nagar, Bangalore-43 do hereby declare that I have changed my daughter's name from **DAKSHA** to **DAKSHA SHASHI KUMAR,** henceforth she shall be known and called as **DAKSHA SHASHI KUMAR** for all practical purposes, vide affidavit dated 24th April 2024, sworn before Notary **S.I. BALAGURU** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **LAXMI**, W/o. D.V.R. Swamy, Aged about 61 years, R/at No. 404, 8th A Main, 4th Cross, 1st Block, Kalyana Nagara, Bengaluru - 560 043, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **LAXMI** to **LAXMI SWAMY** W/o. D.V.R. Swamy vide affidavit dated 23.04.2024 sworn to before Ramachandrappa .C, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Krishnaveni Prahalad,** W/o D.S. Prahalad, aged about 75 Years, R/at No. 102, 29th Cross, 12th Main, BSK 2nd Stage, Near BNM College, Bengaluru-560070.
I have changed my name from **"TUMKUR VENUGOPALADASS KRISHNAVENI"** to **"KRISHNAVENI PRAHALAD"**, for all purposes from today through an affidavit sworn before Advocate & Notary NEHA BADDI, Dated 02.05.2024, at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, GIRISHA KALLAHALLI GOPALA REDDY, Resident at No. 42, Valagere Kallahalli Village, Sarjapura Post, Anekal Tq, Bengaluru Urban, Karnataka-562125, have changed my name to **GIRISH KALLAHALLI GOPALA REDDY,** vide affidavit dated:14.03.2024 before notary KUNDAN BABU .M., Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VISWANATHA KALLAHALLI MUNI REDDY,** S/o. Gopala Reddy, Resident at No. 52, Valagere Kallahalli, Sarjapura Post, Anekal Tq, Bengaluru Urban, Karnataka-562125, have changed my name to **VISHWANATH,** vide affidavit dated:14.03.2024 before notary KUNDAN BABU .M., Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **KAMALA SANKARA RAMAN** W/o G.S.RAMAN.R/a No.D 701 Platinum City,HMT Road Yeswanthpur Bangalore-560022. I Have Changed My Name From **KAMALA RAMAN** to **KAMALA SANKARA RAMAN.** Vide Affidavit Date:02.05.2024. Sworn Before Notary:Kundan Babu.M.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, YARAMADDU SRAVANI, Resident at No. 52, Valagere Kallahalli, Sarjapura Post, Anekal Tq, Bengaluru Urban, Karnataka-562125, have changed my name to **SRAVANI,** vide affidavit dated:14.03.2024 before notary KUNDAN BABU .M., Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I **ABDUL RAHEEM**, S/o AHMED SHARIF. R/a no.88, 9th Main Road, Mariyappanapalya, Srirapuram, Bangalore - 560021. Have Changed My Name From **ABDUL RAHIM** TO **ABDUL RAHEEM** Vide Affidavit dated 02.05.2024 SWORN Before Notary ONKARAPPA N R.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) SHYLA KISHORE W/o. Kishor, aged about 59 Years, residing at No.9, 19th A Cross, Bandappa Garden, Muthyalanagar, Mathikere, Bengaluru North, Msrit, Bengaluru - 560 054, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) SHYLA KISHORE** to **(NEW NAME) SHYLA** vide affidavit dated 02.05.2024 sworn before Notary Manohar Jeerige Bangalore 560003.

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KANGAROO STRIKES THE PERFECT BALANCE OF THRILLS, SUSPENSE AND EMOTIONS

A SHARADHAA

IMAGINE the tenderness of a kangaroo nurturing its child—a universal image of parental dedication. Now, picture that essence transposed into the soul of a film that is wrapped in the cloak of a crime thriller with a chilling touch of horror. Kishore Megalamane crafts this narrative through a series of deaths, tallying up to a staggering 125, with nearly 70 classified, including 12 women, as suicides. Set against the backdrop of Chikkamagaluru, the film's focal point of investigations is the Anthony Guest House. Enter Prithvi (Aditya), a dutiful police officer transferred to Chikkamagaluru thrust into a mission that demands sacrifices, a notion accepted by his understanding parents as well as his pregnant wife and psychiatrist Meghna (Ranjani Raghavan). As Prithvi immerses himself in his new assignment, a chilling revelation emerges—his own brother (Nagendra Urs) is counted among the suicide victims.

What commences as a whodunit swiftly morphs into a thriller, offering audiences an edge-of-the-seat experience sprinkled with horror. Yet, amidst the adrenaline rush of the investigation lies an emotional core, lending justification to the unfolding chaos.

At the outset, director Kishore Megalamane boldly presents a tale that defies convention as he weaves together elements of crime and horror, while striking an emotional chord with equal measure. My attention was caught when Prithvi makes his psychiatrist wife Meghana a part of the investigation, which transforms into the linchpin of the story. Through her character, the essence of maternal care is delicately woven into the fabric of *Kangaroo*. From the moment Prithvi assumes command of the investigation, Kishore keeps audiences spellbound, stitching together all the characters and events. Every twist and turn, every interaction with fellow officers and witnesses, is meticulously presented, propelling *Kangaroo* into a league of its own as a suspense-laden drama.

Aditya has often been drawn towards cop roles, although not always captivatingly so. My favourite of his cop roles comes in *Edegarike,* where his performance stood out, and now in *Kangaroo*, he brings a similar essence to his character—subtle yet commanding, devoid of extravagant fights. He navigates most of the narrative through conversation alone, with his eyes and facial expressions effortlessly drawing the audience into his investigations. Credit is due to director Kishroe for extracting such a performance from Aditya.

Ranaini Raghavan's role is equally compelling; she is the soul of the story, showcasing two extreme shades. Departing from her usual serial appearances, she delivers an impactful performance on screen, stealing the show in the climax while defining the traits of a kangaroo with precision. The supporting cast also shines, enhancing the investigative genre, complemented by Sadhu Kokila's evocative background score. *Kangaroo* maintains a high standard in the making throughout, ensuring the audience remains engrossed in the investigation and emotional bonds, especially in unravelling a kangaroo's identity in this blend of crime and suspense.

KANGAROO
Director: Kishore Megalamane
Cast: Aditya, Ranjani Raghavan, Nagendra Urs, Kari Subbu, and Ashwin Haasan

RATING 3/5

A lacklustre film that gasps for quality

A SHARADHAA

USIRE USIRE
Director: CM Vijay
Cast: Rajeev, Srijita Ghosh, Ali, Brahmanandam, Manju Pavagada, Rajesh Nataranga, Tara, Sadhu Kokila, and Devaraj

USIRE Usire comes on the screen with delayed anticipation, yet manages to pique curiosity as it welcomes back cricketer-turned-actor and *Bigg Boss Kannada* contestant Rajeev, alongside a guest appearance by none other than star Kichcha Sudeep. A film that transcends caste boundaries and adds a valuable climax rooted in a real-life incident, will this promise a breath of fresh air?

Set against the backdrop of middle-class life where caste is but a faint whisper, the film follows the intertwined lives of two families from different religious backgrounds. Manu (Rajeev Hanu) and Saira Bhanu (Srijita Ghosh) defy societal norms with their childhood friendship, only to be separated by circumstances when Saira moves to a different town with her parents.

Fifteen years later, Manu finds himself entangled in the complexities of love upon reuniting with Saira Bhanu in college. Though Manu initially faces hiccups, his romance with Saira Bhanu blossoms, but against the parent's wishes, leading them to elope and start afresh. However, their happiness is short-lived when Manu discovers Saira's severe heart condition.

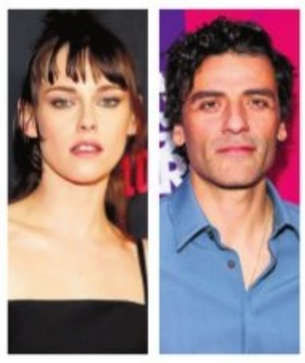
The film raises questions about the endurance of childhood innocence and the sacrifices made for love. As Manu struggles to save his beloved, the narrative crescendos to a climax based on real events, with Sudeep adding value to the film with his emphatic performance.

Despite its promising premise, Usire *Usire* falters in writing and execution. The director loses the plot early on, leaving crucial scenes and character developments disjointed. While Rajeev shines in action sequences, his portrayal lacks depth. Due to a lack of clear vision, the sequences involving Rajeev, which feel repetitive, become tedious to watch and test our patience. Srijita Ghosh's performance feels out of sync with the rooted flavour that the film was going for.

RATING 2/5

Guest appearances by noted Telugu actors Ali and Brahmanandam add little substance, while attempts by Manju Pavagada at humour fall flat, especially his attempts at physical humour, with exaggerated body language. The performances of the rest of the actors including Rajesh Nataranga, Sadhu Kokila, Devaraj, Suchendra Prasad and Tara go unnoticed.

Except for the climax and Sudeep's blink-and-miss appearance, with a poignant message, *Usire Usire* falls short of its potential, delivering a tedious watch marred by inconsistencies. Even with an emotional core, the poor execution leaves a lot of the film's potential untapped.



Kristen, Oscar Isaac to star in *Flesh Of The Gods*

CE FEATURES

KRISTEN Stewart and Oscar Isaac are teaming up to star in a vampire thriller, *Flesh Of The Gods*. The film is helmed by Panos Cosmatos, who is best known for his 2018 action-horror Mandy.

The story revolves around Raoul and Alex, a married couple in the '80s. They live in Los Angeles and every night, they leave their posh apartment and enter a wild, exciting nightlife scene. One night, they meet a mysterious person named Nameless and her group of party-loving friends. Raoul and Alex are drawn into a flashy, strange world full of fun, but also danger and excitement. Oscar Isaac is set to portray Raoul and Kristen Stewart will portray Alex.

Adam McKay and Betsy Koch of Hyperobject Industries and Gena Konstantinakos and Isaac for Mad Gene Media are producing the film. The script is penned by Andrew Kevin Walker based on a story by Cosmatos and Walker. The film is to start shooting later this year.

Kristen Stewart is best known for her roles in the *Twilight* franchise, *Panic Room, Love Lies Bleeding, Spencer, Crimes of the Future,* and *Personal Shopper.* Isaac Oscar is best known for his roles in *A Most Violent Year, Inside Llewyn Davis, The Two Faces of January*, and *Ex Machina*.

Barely amusing but loaded with plenty of romance & action

PRASHANTH VALLAVAN

THE FALL GUY
Director: David Leitch
Cast: Ryan Gosling, Emily Blunt, Aaron Taylor-Johnson

THE Fall Guy has an inherent charm but the charm feels algorithmically structured. It has all the right doses of action, comedy, and romance, built around each other in the right proportions, in a perfectly balanced screenplay. However, the human tendency to seek out inauthenticity keeps pointing out that the charm feels plastic and manufactured. Take for instance 'The uncanny valley effect', where humans would look at a humanoid robot or a CGI creation that looks vaguely human, and feel mildly unsettled because a primal part of our brain keeps telling us that what we are looking at isn't quite human. While this is largely a visual attribute, the screenplay of *The Fall Guy* does evoke an uncanny valley effect, with how much it tries to be a whimsical action-comedy. While we do stay engaged with the flow of the story, we cannot shake the feeling that the film is not quite what it is trying to be.

After superstar Tom Ryder (Aaron Taylor-Johnson) disappears, his stunt double Colt Seavers (Ryan Gosling) must find him and get him back on the set so his ex-girlfriend Jody Moreno (Emily Blunt) can finish her big debut film, and maybe Seavers can get the love of his life back. The quirky premise has the sweet nostalgic aftertaste of an 80s romantic comedy. With a splendid chemistry between Ryan Gosling and Emily Blunt, the romance largely works. We feel the spark and even though you know where the 'will-they-won't-they' eventually leads to, you still want the characters to end up together. However, the biggest debilitating factor of the film ends up being the humour and the dialogue. *The Fall Guy* religiously follows the recipe of modern comedies. We have meta commentaries on the story's structure, excessive pop culture references, drug-induced hallucination jokes, cameos nobody asked for, and a post-credit gag to wrap it all up. The humour is watered down, and bland, and the best reaction it gets out of you is that you are mildly amused, which happens sparsely.

The one aspect of the film that makes the best use of the genre is the action. Director David Leitch leverages the Hollywood setting of the story and delivers a stunt sequence wherever possible. And the action is appropriate to the lightheartedness of the genre as well. There are different types of action on film. Some are intense and gripping while others, in the vein of television wrestling, look thoroughly amazing with no intention of raising your pulse. The action in *The Fall Guy* belongs to the latter category. In a time when films drench the screen with blood and gore, it is refreshing to see a light-hearted shade of action. It reminds us of the early 90s Jackie Chan action comedies, where visual gags are ingrained in whimsical fight sequences, where even the protagonist is not immune to failures and stunt gags. While Emily Blunt stands out with her expressive, emotionally resonant performance, Ryan Gosling amps up the charm with his laid-back, restrained approach that goes well with the overall tone of the film. The supporting characters blend into the background and refuse to stand out.

The Fall Guy has all the right ingredients: An engaging story, likeable performances, romance that connects with you and is loaded with plenty of action. However, the film delivers the bare minimum and fails to hold your attention on account of a flimsy screenplay and ineffective humour. It belongs to the genre of film that entertains you by not straining your attention, that amuses you but exerts no effort to keep you hooked. You can carelessly zone in and out of focus and still feel like you had fun. *The Fall Guy* is the kind of action-comedy you play on your screen at home while you're doing something in the background, but when someone asks, you still say you had fun.

RATING 2.5/5

Rosamund Pike joins the cast of *Now You See Me 3*

CE FEATURES

ACTOR Rosamund Pike has officially joined the cast of *Now You See Me 3*. Details of her role in the third installment of the magic-themed franchise have been kept under wraps, but she will have a "pivotal role" in the film according to a press release. Pike joins the previously announced cast members Justice Smith, Dominic Sessa, and Ariana Greenblatt. Jesse Eisenberg, Woody Harrelson, Isla Fisher, Dave Franco, and Morgan Freeman are all returning for the threequel

Zombieland director Ruben Fleischer is set to helm *Now You See Me 3* with Eric Warren Singer, Seth Graham Smith, and Mike Lesslie penning the script.

Plot details for the film are unclear at this point, but the film is set to once again delve into the world of the illusionists. The story will not just follow the Horsemen but also introduce the audience to a new generation of magicians.